

## **INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE ARLINGTON CSB**

### **Minutes for February 6, 2013 Meeting**

**Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Co-Chair Barbara Jones.

**Introductions** – Co-Chairs Barbara Jones and Moira Saucedo; CSB member Brian DeAtley; CSB executive committee member Carol Skelly; ID committee and family members Donna Budway, Gay Harrington, Ann Kelly, Bertra McGann, Alex Yellin, and Casey Youman; guest speaker and APS staff member Vickie Barr; Vendor staff members Kris Hollin, Norman Hill, and Anne Rule of Community Residences, Pat Vinson of Job Discovery, Inc., Lindsay Fenlon of Linden Resources, and Brenda Richardson of ServiceSource; Lucy Beadnell of The Arc of Northern Virginia; Joanna Wise Barnes of Arlington's IDD Services

**Approval of minutes** – Draft minutes of the committee's January 9, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved as written. These will now be submitted to the full CSB at its next meeting.

#### **Arlington Public Schools Parent Resource Center – Presenter Vickie Barr**

Vickie Barr told the committee about the relocation of the parent resource center to the Sequoia Complex, across the street from the DHS building where IDD Services are located. Ms. Barr reviewed the mission of the resource center and described its lending library on topics including parenting, and language and social skill development. The resource center is led by Kathleen Donovan with Ms. Barr as its second employee. The center's outreach programs include a book group focused on autism spectrum disorders, sibling groups in partnership with the County's Therapeutic Recreation Office, transition supports for students going from pre-kindergarten to kindergarten, information sessions for parents about special education and IEPs, and general student supports. The center also shares its expertise in post-secondary transitions. Sessions about that are coming soon – on March 18 and May 14. Ms. Barr distributed a brochure about the resource center and hand-outs about several upcoming events. See attachments.

#### **Virginia's Legislative Timeline – Moira Saucedo and Lucy Beadnell**

Moira and Lucy explained that timelines and proposed legislation are fluid. House Bill 1500 proposes 200 additional ID Waiver slots and 50 new DD Waiver slots. Added to the 375 ID Waiver slots scheduled to be distributed to CSBs in July 2013, totals might be as high as 575 new ID Waiver slots in the State. There are also proposals related to Part C funding (Infant-Toddler Connection), and start-up funds for community services related to training center discharges. On the Senate side there's a proposal linking the new ID/DD Waivers to managed care.

#### **Funding needed to renovate homes for use as new ICFs in Arlington – Moira Saucedo and Carol Skelly**

Moira notified the committee that Community Residences' (CR) Director of Development, Rock Shuler, will make a presentation at the committee's March 6, 2013 meeting. She talked about CR's business

plan for a project to develop a new intermediate care facility (ICF). She explained that the plan outlines a financial matter concerning ICF development.

Carol Skelly reviewed the history of the ID committee's six-month study in 2011 which determined that two new ICFs are needed in Arlington to serve those on the waiting list, and that the need is unrelated to the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement with Virginia which is leading to institutional downsizing. Carol reminded committee members that both Community Residences and RIVA are actively looking for homes in Arlington to be purchased and renovated for use as ICFs. Carol stated that the need for funding for these might be addressed via the County's budget process in March.

#### **IDD Proclamation Update – Barbara Jones**

Barbara reviewed information that had been finalized about the March 5 ceremony. There will be multiple awards for Outstanding Direct Support Professionals, one (new) Community Outreach Award, and two Lifetime Achievement Awards.

#### **IDDS Staff Reports – Joanna Wise Barnes**

Joanna reported that one Support Coordinator resigned effective January 31, 2013. Recruitment for the vacancy will begin as per the County's process under its current hiring slow-down. Joanna also reported that she accepted the County's offer to rehire her post-retirement. She will return full-time in her current position as IDDS Bureau Chief.

Joanna distributed Amendment No. 1 of the FY 2013 and FY 2014 Community Services Performance Contract, reviewed changes which were driven by the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement with Virginia, explained that IDD Services are likely able to meet the new requirements for enhanced support coordination, and encouraged CSB members to convey this information during the February 11, 2013 meeting of the CSB executive committee. Joanna reminded committee members that a delay in signing the amendment would also delay State warrant payments to Arlington. Carol Skelly expressed concerns about heightened expectations for support coordination services.

Three other Settlement Agreement-related documents were distributed – a PowerPoint by VA DBHDS Commissioner James Stewart titled *Virginia's Implementation of the Settlement Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice*, a January 22 letter from the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB to Governor McDonnell, and a chart titled *Costs for Transitioning Arlington County Residents from State Training Centers*. See attachments.

News from the January 22 State Developmental Services Council Meeting was shared by Joanna. All families of individuals on the urgent and non-urgent waiting lists for ID and DD Waiver slots will soon receive letters from the State Office of Developmental Services about their Individual and Family Support Program and how to apply for funds. See hand-out. Contact: [Cindy.Gwinn@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:Cindy.Gwinn@dbhds.virginia.gov)

There is also a second new State program within the Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services – its Lifespan Respite Voucher Program. See hand-out or [www.vadars.org](http://www.vadars.org)

Joanna relayed information from Arlington Public Schools that its program evaluation is now posted on the APS website – [www.apsva.us](http://www.apsva.us)

Last, Joanna reviewed *CSB Call Screening Data: July through December 2012*, the section labeled Adult Intellectual Disability (ID). See attachment. The six months of call screening data for all CSB programs will be reviewed by the CSB soon.

### **New Business**

Carol Skelly reminded committee members that the County Manager's Office will release its FY 2014 proposed budget on the third Saturday in February. She reviewed the ten-year history of funding increases to cover expenses related to adult services for June special education graduates annually. Carol is concerned about this year because the CSB received no response to its letter about special education graduate funding from the County Manager's Office, and because the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB has problems now with funding shortages for special education graduates. Carol suggested that if the County Manager's proposed budget doesn't include funding for special education graduates, ID committee members should advocate for restoration of this funding.

Barbara Jones told committee members that the Clubhouse, a psychosocial day program for adults with mental health concerns, maintains a clothes closet. They are in need of donations. They especially need large size women's clothes and tube socks. Committee members can email Barbara for more information including delivery information. The Clubhouse staff prefer that donations be scheduled and would like to avoid drop-ins which can be unsettling for program participants.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

These minutes were read and approved as written during the ID Committee's April 3, 2013 meeting. The minutes will be submitted to the full CSB at its next meeting.