

ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
Mental Health Committee
11/28/11
Approved 1/25/12

Members Present: Judy Deane (Co-chair), Tom Quinn, James Bradshaw, John Blount, Betsy Greer, Cindy Fagnoni

Guests: Keith Whyte (Board), Jim Mack (Board)

Members Absent: Scott Brannon, Caroline Bragdon, Kathy Donovan, Susan Lowry, Anne Hermann (Co-Chair),

Staff/Presenters Present: Alan Orenstein, Lizabeth Schuch, Yvonne Morales, Peter Dehaven

Call to Order: Ms. Deane called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The October 2011 minutes were approved without correction.

Presentation: Lizabeth Schuch described her background, her role as Recovery Manager and plans for the continued development of a recovery orientation in the Behavioral Healthcare Division. She noted she is project officer of two consumer-operated programs, including the Arlington Recovery Empowerment Center (AREC); she chairs the Recovery Committee and distributed the Recovery Committee Plan; and she noted the recent training of all staff in recovery.

Yvonne Morales, the new Executive Director of AREC, also described her background and her role as the AREC Director. She distributed an activity schedule and described the staffing, hours of operation and current and planned activities of AREC, including outreach efforts to attract more consumers to AREC. She also noted that AREC's lease will run out in a year and they will need to start looking for a new facility. Mr. Dehaven, who provides WRAP groups and assists in the operation of AREC, described the WRAP approach and his relation to AREC.

Mental Health Director's Report: Dr. Orenstein noted that as follow-up actions from the last meeting, he distributed to members a listing of forums and media contacted in connection with MIAW. He also attempted to schedule the joint meeting with the C&F Committee earlier but Ms. Stowe preferred it be within the month already scheduled; the exact date is still to be determined. He also confirmed the date and time of the AREC visit and informed the Committee. He determined that Committee members (other than Board members) could not attend the staff recovery training, since the focus was on staff, but there were plans to educate others at a later date. Finally, he noted that he amended the membership and mailing list to include Jeanette Turrell. Action: Dr. Orenstein will finalize the date and time of the January visit to the Detention Center. Members were agreed to a late afternoon time, if this could be arranged.

Chair's Report: Ms. Deane reported a meeting she and some family members had with the DHS Director and CSB Executive Director regarding young adult service needs. She noted that the Director agreed to support from current funds the Young Adult Emergency fund and the contracted FTE supporting the townhouses. Therefore, they will be removed from the CSB priority list. She also noted that the inclusion of "requirements" as a condition of permanent supported housing was described by the DHS Director "as something to talk about". Ms. Deane reported she had a conversation with Delegate Patrick Hope about State support for young adult services and that Mr. Hope indicated he would talk to James Stuart, DBHDS Commissioner, about funds for pilot programming.

Announcements: Betsy Greer noted that with Ms. Favola leaving the Board, her replacement would be decided at the February Democratic primary for the April election. She noted there were 6 candidates and suggested the Committee meet with them. Also, there is a meeting of the "Money Committee" in January. She noted she is signed up to testify and suggested that the Committee advocate at the meeting. Action: Ms. Greer will send Dr. Orenstein specific information for distribution to the Committee about these advocacy opportunities.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.