

ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
Mental Health Committee
1/25/12
Approved 2/22/12

Members Present: Judy Deane (Co-chair), Anne Hermann (Co-Chair) Tom Quinn, James Bradshaw, Betsy Greer, Cindy Fagnoni

Guests: Margarite Tomasek (C&F Committee), Jim Mack (Board)

Members Absent: Scott Brannon, Caroline Bragdon, Kathy Donovan, Susan Lowry, John Blount

Staff/Presenters Present: Alan Orenstein, Susanne Summerville

Detention Center MH Program Tour: Starting at 3:00 pm, Ms. Somerville provided a tour of the Arlington Detention Facility, including the intake area, medical unit, ACT (SA) Program and MH Unit with 29 beds and 3 crisis cells. She noted that over 2011, 541 people were provided services by the Jail MH Program, of which 236 were Arlington residents. Besides the MH Unit, clients are served in the general population. Services include psychoeducation, counseling and reentry planning, both individually and in groups. Staff are involved also in crisis management. When asked what she could do better with additional resources, Ms. Somerville noted improved reentry coordination of non-Arlingtonians and increased group work.

Call to Order: Ms. Hermann called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

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

Mental Health Director's Report: Dr. Orenstein distributed certificates of appreciation to members present who served on the Committee last year. He also noted that Ms. Weisman was added to the schedule for March to provide a crisis service update. Dr. Orenstein noted that updated draft interagency agreements are on the agenda for review in the March meeting. With respect to the meeting next month, he asked if members wanted to meet at a CR group home, and members responded affirmatively. Action: Dr. Orenstein will obtain options for a meeting at a CR group home and inform the members. Dr. Orenstein distributed the call screening data for July-December 2011 and described the report, which indicated the number of calls, and the number of referrals, referral reasons and resource. There was a question about two referrals by Senior Adult MH. Action: Dr. Orenstein will forward the questions to the Executive Director.

Chair's Report: Ms. Hermann indicated that she spoke at the 1/4/2012 public local state delegation hearing and advocated for mental health issues, including NVMHI beds. Ms. Deane noted that Dr. Orenstein was invited to present the outcome measures and procedures under development for young adults at the next meeting. She also noted the request for additional Job Avenue outcome data for Supported Employment and Supported Education outcomes and good arguments for peer support positions to support CSB advocacy. Action: Ms. Deane will e-mail Dr. Orenstein with the specific data requested for Job Avenue.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.