

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 23, 2012

Members Present: Jenette O'Keefe, Jim Mack, Craig Dabney, Keith Whyte, Charlie Baughman

Members Absent: Bharati Patel, Wes Sanchez, Shaun Buckner

BHD Staff: Joe Bullock

I. FINALIZE FY 14 SA PRIORITIES- Committee Co-Chairs Jenette O'Keefe and Jim Mack presented to the members the SA Committee's final version of the proposed budget priorities for FY 2014. This year's budget priorities is organized into three themes specifically related to SA consumers:

- Request for ongoing funding for Onsite Primary Health Services for SA Consumers
- Request for funding of Peer Recovery Support Staff in Substance Abuse
- Funding for restoration of SA Residential Treatment reduced in 2009

The Committee Chairs will continue to work with the CSB Executive Committee to better determine whether the committee request for primary health will be combined into a much larger CSB level request as the details/strategies get underway in the fall.

II. SA RECOVERY MONTH TOPIC DISCUSSION- Dr. Bullock also informed the committee that the DHS Community Outreach Program has confirmed the date of September 21st for the recovery month event to be held at the Gates of Ballston Community Center. It is anticipated that a group of 60-90 individuals could be scheduled to receive the Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse presentation for recovery month. Dr. Bullock will continue to work with his staff to coordinate the event while also preparing the request for a County Board Proclamation during the event.

Dr. Bullock provided an update on the Outreach project to the faith based organizations by reporting that he has secured a volunteer who has been working to make direct contact with the organizations that did not respond to the survey. Initial impressions show that many of the outreach efforts have yielded mixed results in terms of participation. The goal is to get at least 25 responses to the survey to complete the needs assessment and determine next steps. The committee agreed that this effort should be pushed to the fall if the pattern of low responses continues.

III. SA COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT- Ms. Jenette O'Keefe shared with the committee that the CSB MH Committee was working on their FY 14 work plan and wanted to revisit the issue of potential dates for a joint committee meeting. After discussion it was decided that the best targets for a joint meeting would be in January, February or May of 2013. Ms. O'Keefe shared with the committee information that the SAARA Board is in need of a new committee member to actively participate. Ms. O'Keefe has been in the lead road and encouraged committee members to consider participation on this very important advocacy group. and that she has been functioning in this role for quite some time

IV. SA DIRECTOR REPORT: Dr. Bullock informed the committee that he will be attending the National Drug Court Institute with 8 other members of the Arlington Drug Court team next week in San Diego, California. This Drug Court Planning Initiative will orient the team to all aspects of drug court operation and also assist with the formulation of a detailed plan for launching a drug court initiative. Dr. Bullock also informed the committee that Honorable Judge Louise DiMatteo was appointed as the lead for the Arlington Drug Court team earlier this month. Judge DiMatteo was formerly the Arlington County Attorney. More to details to come at the next committee meeting.

NOTE: The next SA Committee meeting will be held on **September 24, 2012 at 7:00 pm** in the George Mason Center Conference Room next to Drewry Building- room 232.