

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 24, 2012

Members Present: Jenette O'Keefe, Wes Sanchez

Members Absent: Bharati Patel, Shaun Buckner, Jim Mack, Craig Dabney, Keith Whyte, Charlie Baughman

BHD Staff: Joe Bullock

- I. SA RECOVERY MONTH DEBRIEFING-** Dr. Bullock summarized the recovery month event held on September 21, 2012 at the Gates of Ballston Community Center. Dr. Bullock reported that this year's event was very well attended. County Board member, Mr. Walter Tejada, gave a powerful introduction for this year's theme: "Love is not Abuse: Family Violence and Substance Abuse" and also presented the SA Committee with a proclamation documenting Arlington County's recognition of September as Substance Abuse Recovery month. Substance Abuse Bureau staff presented the main topic to an audience of 45 citizens that included much hands on interaction and discussion. Dr. Bullock also stated that the entire event was presented in Spanish and each participant was issued a certificate which included contact training hours for their participation in the training.
- II. SA COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT-** Ms. Jenette O'Keefe shared that she has been involved in ongoing discussions with the MH Committee Chair to organize a joint committee meeting for this fiscal year. The current proposal is that the MH Committee will join the SA Committee on Monday, January 28th for the joint meeting. The overall committee work plan for FY 13 will be finalized at the next committee meeting. Ms. O'Keefe also reviewed the SA Bureau call screening data with the committee and made several recommended edits to finalize the document for committee approval. Dr. Bullock will make the revisions and forward the document for inclusion in the next CSB meeting.
- III. SA DIRECTOR REPORT:** Dr. Bullock informed the committee that he is in the process of tabulating the feedback from the Faith based Survey that was distributed earlier in the year. Dr. Bullock also proposed to the committee that a follow-up visit to the Arlington Interfaith Council this fall to further discuss issues related to substance abuse and domestic violence that may be challenging church leaders in the community. Mr. Wes Sanchez proposed to develop a brief document highlighting common "myths" about these issues that could be presented by the committee at this meeting. The committee will review this document at the next committee meeting.

NOTE: The next SA Committee meeting will be held on **October 22, 2012 at 7:00 pm** in the George Mason Center Conference Room next to Drewry Building- room 232.