

**Arlington County Community Services Board
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 9, 2012
6:00 pm**

Present: Carol Skelly, Judith Deane, Anne Hermann, James Mack, Naomi Verdugo

Excused: Barbara Jones, Jenette O'Keefe

Staff: Cynthia Kemp, Farah Shakour, Joanna Barnes

The April 9, 2012 Arlington County Community Services Board (ACCSB) Executive Committee meeting was convened by the ACCSB Executive Committee Member Chair, Carol Skelly at 6:10 p.m. The meeting was held at the Department of Human Services Sequoia Building, Conference Room A, 2100 Washington Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia.

Approval of the March 12, 2012 Executive Committee Minutes:

Chair Skelly called for a motion to approve the March 12, 2012 ACCSB Executive Committee minutes. Ms. Deane motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Mack seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without correction.

Discussion on Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement and Related Issues:

Joanna Barnes, DHS Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Bureau Chief, updated the members on the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement with the state regarding the closure of the state ID training centers. Ms. Kemp distributed a copy of a letter that Arlington CSB sent to Judge John Gibney, Jr. regarding the settlement. She also distributed a letter from the Northern Virginia Regional Management Group on this issue. Ms. Kemp has forwarded the regional letter to Mary Ann Bergeron of the Virginia Association of CSBs. Ms. Kemp noted that though there are over 1,000 people in the state training centers, there are very few being admitted.

Ms. Barnes updated the Members about several topics related to the settlement negotiations.

Arlington IDD Services - Discharge Planning Activities:

- IDDS managers are attend the all planning meetings
- Ms. Barnes attends the regional admissions/discharge committee meetings and will suggest revising the meetings to only discuss a limited number of clients so that sufficient planning for each client can occur
- Ms. Barnes met with DHS Housing Assistance Bureau staff and Arlington Community Housing and Planning Division (CPHD) staff about how to best educate the residential vendors on funding through CPHD

Regional Business Plan:

- Executive Directors and ID Directors in Region II have drafted a document to describe resources needed for agreement implementation
- The region is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) for residential and habilitation services to get the information needed from providers to be included in the business plan.

The RFI should be released in a few weeks. The resulting data is anticipated to be available by June 2012.

Waiver Allowances:

- ID Directors met with Office of Developmental Services (ODS) staff about the fact that the 15% higher Waiver rates in N. Virginia are inadequate. The ODS agreed to review Northern Virginia rates if ID Directors could substantiate the need. The ID Directors sent a George Mason University study that compares Northern Virginia to Richmond, VA which shows that the 15% rate differential for waivers is not adequate and doesn't keep pace with the higher cost of living in Northern Virginia
- The state will survey residential providers about the rates
- The state is developing a case management workgroup to discuss oversight of group homes with five beds or more.

Judge Gibney's Court Order:

- Families of people in the training centers filed a Motion to Intervene to stop the closure of the training centers and subsequently a petition, gathering hundreds of signatures
- The ARC filed a Counter-Motion
- The VACSB publicly supported the agreement
- Virginia Office of Protection and Advocacy (VOPA) filed amicus curiae brief on their six-year study of abuse and neglect in the Virginia training centers. This information was previously unknown to the CSBs in Northern Virginia.
- Several families objected to the VOPA brief, citing that the statistics were skewed by overstating the incidences of abuse and neglect
- The families issued a document pointing out calculation errors by DBHDS in the projected costs and savings of closing the training centers and moving training center residents into the community.
- An independent reviewer is visiting several group homes in Northern Virginia to assess capacity

Systemic Therapeutic Assessment Respite and Treatment (START):

- Trust fund dollars were given to each region in the state to develop START model crisis intervention and therapeutic respite programs
- The intent of these programs is to prevent training center admissions and re-admissions
- The state has announced that the contract for the development of regional crisis intervention and stabilization services for people with ID has been awarded to Easter Seals of North Carolina and Northern Virginia. Easter Seals has experience in this area. They will provide mobile crisis stabilization and an inpatient facility for stays of 15 days or more. They have identified a property in Woodbridge, VA for a 6-bed home. There is about \$1 million for one year worth of funding from the state for start up.

Discussion on Conflict of Interest Issues Regarding CSB Vacancies:

Chair Skelly opened a discussion about CSB members who have contractual or financial relationships with the CSB and possible conflicts of interest. Ms. Kemp stated that she believes it is the County Board's decision to accept or reject new CSB members. Ms. Kemp stated that she has consulted with the County Attorney's office and they are in agreement that having someone on the CSB who is receiving significant funding from the DHS seems to be a conflict of interest. Chair Skelly has advised the County Board Chair that the CSB hopes to balance the CSB

membership to represent each area of need and each disability area. It was suggested that the CSB form a subcommittee to discuss nominations. Chair Skelly suggested that the ID committee needs two new members to replace her and David O'Connor who will be leaving the CSB as of July 1, 2012. The child and youth committee is losing a member as well. Ms. Deane stated that the CSB should try to reflect the many critical under-represented subgroups such as chronically homeless people or the Spanish-speaking population. Ms. Verdugo stated that CSB members should be active advocates. Ms. Verdugo will approach Lyanne Rosell (Friends and Advocates for Virginia's Youth) who works with incarcerated youth. Lora Rinker was suggested as a person with a homeless services background. Chair Skelly will talk to Ms. Rinker about applying.

FY 13 CSB Budget Follow Up:

Chair Skelly gave an update on the FY13 County budget follow up. She stated that Mary Hynes, County Board Chair, visited the primary health clinic at the Drewry Center. Chair Skelly said that Ms. Hynes' concerns centered on the County's role in providing primary care and whether or not the County should fund these types of clinics at all. Ms. Deane asked whether or not there was data about the number of CSB clients served by the Virginia Hospital Center's Emergency Room due to psychiatric issues. Ms. Kemp stated that this is difficult information to obtain. Chair Skelly noted that Ms. Hynes is looking at the total picture of healthcare in Arlington, and that Ms. Hynes is looking for information on the pay-off for the primary care services at Drewry. Chair Skelly stated that Dr. Justine Larson is investigating this matter. Ms. Kemp has sent the CSB's responses to the County Board member's initial questions to the DHS Director, who has forwarded them to the County Board. Ms. Verdugo has sent a letter to the Sun Gazette regarding the CSB's budget concerns, but the letter has not been published yet.

Discussion of June CSB Staff Awards, Community Awards and End of Term Awards:

Chair Skelly opened a discussion about the upcoming meetings with the County Board members. Ms. Kemp stated that the staff has sent out a call for nominations and are receiving nominations. The Executive Committee members will review the nominations at their May meeting. Ms. Kemp asked if the members want to present Community Awards again this year. It was suggested that the staff ask Jose Campos and Scott Brannon for potential nominees, perhaps employers or people from Northern Virginia Community College. Ms. Verdugo will inquire about potential nominees in the school system. Ms. Deane suggested nominating landlords who regularly provided Permanent Supportive Housing units for CSB clients. Ms. Kemp will investigate this as well.

Ms. Kemp noted that the CSB will present End of Term Awards for the three departing members.

Brief Updates / Information:

- Chair Skelly briefed the members about a meeting with Libby Garvey, the newly-elected County Board member. She stated that the meeting went well, and Ms. Garvey was interested in the CSB's concerns and was willing to learn.
- Ms. Kemp stated that a follow up thank you letter went out to the County Board regarding the FY13 budget priorities.
- Ms. Kemp stated that there are 52 viable applicants for the Mary Marshall Assisted Living Residence, with 36 of the 52 currently residing there. Ms. Hermann stated that she

would be willing to give a report from the Advisory Committee meetings at the full board CSB meetings. A question was posed about the role of the Medical Courier at the facility. Ms. Shakour responded that Medical Courier will provide transportation for Mary Marshall residents to and from doctor's appointments, ensures the doctor understands the clients' needs and records the notes.

- Ms. Kemp followed up on the issue of training EMTs in Arlington in Crisis Intervention Team training methods. She stated that she spoke to Dr. Reed Smith and will join a committee of police, fire, hospitals, and others to examine high frequency users of EMT services. The committee is examining the development of an Advanced Practitioner Program. The Program visits high frequency callers in advance of future calls in an effort to reduce the number of calls.
- Ms. Kemp reminded the members that the Interagency Agreements should be under review in committees and will be brought to the Executive Committee once they are finalized. The Mental Health Committee has signed off on their agreements. The Substance Abuse Committee's agreement with the Sheriff will be extended.
- Ms. Kemp said that there are no new updates regarding the Medicaid Managed Care RFP for State Plan Option Services.
- Ms. Kemp noted that there will be four CSB vacancies as of July 1, 2012.
- Ms. Kemp stated that Annual Report will be compiled soon. Ms. Verdugo suggested highlighting the new children's behavioral healthcare bureau implementation plan.
- Ms. Kemp announced that Lyanne Trumball, the Residential Coordinator, has resigned. Marikay Crangle will return temporarily to the position part-time for 20 hours per week until a permanent employee is hired.

Upcoming Items for CSB Full Board Meeting on April 18, 2012:

- The staff recognition will be presented to Dr. Amy Lieberman, a therapist on Team B for BHD.
- There will be a report on the new CSB Retreat Priority Initiatives (VHC and Employment Initiatives).
- Ms. Kemp will report on revenue in the Financial Report, as necessary.
- Ms. Kemp will provide a report on the Group Homes, as necessary.
- Ms. Verdugo would like an update on the funding at the state level, if the budget has been passed by that time. If not, an update will be presented in May.
- Ms. Kemp will ask Heather Stowe to give a brief update on the Children's Behavioral Health Action Implementation Plan in BHD and the metrics for evaluation.

- Ms. Deane suggested a presentation at the April full board meeting on the outcomes that will be monitored beginning in July on the young adult program.

Announcements:

- Chair Skelly stated that the Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast is this Thursday, April 12, 2012 and that she will attend. She invited others to attend and will send the information to Ms. Shakour for distribution.
- Chair Skelly stated that Noah Simon, a School Board candidate, requested a meeting with the CSB. The Child and Youth committee is meeting with him on May 6, 2012.
- Ms. Hermann announced that Thomas Gleeson, the Executive Director of RAFT, passed away.

The Arlington Community Services Board Executive Committee meeting was adjourned by Chair Skelly at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Farah Shakour

