

ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
Mental Health Committee

May 23 2012

Approved 6/11/12

Members Present: Anne Hermann (Co-Chair), Judy Deane (Co-chair), James Bradshaw, Richard Smith, John Blount, Scott Brannon

Members Absent: Jeannette Turrell, Betsy Greer, Cindy Fagnoni, Susan Lowry, Gene Robinson, Sam Howlett, Caroline Bragdon, Kathy Donovan, Brian Berke, Tom Quinn

Staff Present: Alan Orenstein, PhD

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the April minutes without correction.

Mental Health Director's Report: Dr. Orenstein noted that the Mental Illness Awareness Week theme under consideration was employment for the mentally ill. The activities could include acknowledgement of current employers, presentations of consumer experiences and the benefits for employers, and outreach to potential employers. This could be done in partnership with the CSB Board, which is starting a revitalized employment initiative. Committee members thought this was a good idea and made a few suggestions of organizations or businesses that might be approached regarding employment opportunities.

Dr. Orenstein presented a revised Committee schedule for the remainder of the year, based on pre-meeting discussion with the co-chairs. It includes cancellation of the 6/6 special meeting, postponement of the joint SA meeting, and inclusion of a 6/11 joint meeting with the Child and Family Committee preceded by a short business meeting at 4:30pm. Action: Dr. Orenstein will inform Committee members of the schedule revision.

Dr. Orenstein also presented a template for the schedule next year and proposed that the Committee recommend a presenter for the September meeting and discuss other options for the early part of the year. After discussion, the members decided to tentatively schedule the Senior Adult Mental Health Program in September, settle the postponed SA Committee meeting date, and schedule a meeting on PACT services and the extended barriers list, tentatively for the October and November meetings. Action: The Committee will review the tentative schedule and at least confirm the plan for the September meeting.

FY14 Budget Priorities: The Committee reviewed the funding needs indicated by FY13 Committee and CSB priorities, Committee presentations and other indications of program needs. In particular, the possible items were listed, and the rationale and known cost estimates discussed for each item. Since there were a number of items, the Chairs requested that cost figures for all items be sought along with further indications of justification and need, allowing that the items be prioritized. The preliminary list included funding for the following (not in priority order): continued primary care services; additional MH case managers; Crisis Intervention Center development; contract peer counselors; transition to full time psychiatrist positions; and group home nursing support. Action: Dr. Orenstein will e-mail the preliminary priority listing to the full Committee membership for questions and will seek further cost and need information. The listing will be reviewed and finalized at the 6/11 Committee meeting.

Committee Chair's Report: None

Announcements: Mr. Bradshaw noted the June 7 conference “Living the Full Dimensions of Recovery”. The free, all-day conference sponsored by Regional Community Support Center of the Northern Virginia MH Institute will be held at the NOVA Community College in Annandale.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm