

**Arlington County Community Services Board
Intellectual Disabilities Committee
February 5, 2014 Meeting
DHS Stambaugh Building, 2100 Washington Blvd, Lower Level
6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by co-chairs Barbara Jones and Moira Saucedo.

Approval of January Minutes – Draft minutes were distributed and reviewed by committee members. They were approved as drafted, and will be submitted to the full CSB at its February meeting.

Introductions – Barbara Jones and Moira Saucedo, committee co-chairs and CSB members; Brian DeAtley, CSB member; committee members Peter Black, Ann and Russell Kelly, Nancy Tishman, Alex Yellin, and Casey Youman; provider staff members Kris Hollins and Anne Rule of Community Residences, Michelle Lange of Linden Resources, and Sarah Caldwell of MVLE; Lucy Beadnell of The Arc of Northern Virginia; Joanna Wise Barnes of IDD Services

SPARC Tours – Barbara Jones accompanied other Arlington representatives on visits to SPARC sites on January 24, 2014. Most toured sites in both McLean and Reston; some toured only one site. They met with director Donna Goldbranson who described the variety of activities offered to participants. The programs are staffed, and participants also bring their own personal assistants. Participant fees will be implemented soon on a sliding scale. SPARC is a 501(c)3 non-profit, but is not an approved Waiver provider. Facilities are owned by Fairfax County, which does not charge SPARC rent for the spaces.

Ann Kelly also participated in the tours. She noted that the program appears similar to one begun by Arlington parents some years ago, based on a clubhouse model. She compared the SPARC program activities with those now offered by the ServiceSource Community Integration Center at the Woodmont Center in Arlington.

Committee members Sheila Billingsley, Donna Budway, and Lucia Claster also toured these sites. They plan to attend the committee's March meeting, when a fuller discussion of SPARC is scheduled.

The Arc of Northern Virginia – Lucy Beadnell

Beadnell reviewed the hand-out titled The Arc of Northern Virginia's February 2014 Legislative Update, attached. The General Assembly is still in session.

CSB Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Priority for IDD Services

Co-chairs Barbara Jones and Moira Saucedo and CSB member Brian DeAtley led committee members' discussion of a proposed budget request for next year. Committee members revisited their January 2014 meeting discussion about implementing Employment First practices to increase work opportunities in Arlington for persons with ID and DD. (See January 2014 minutes, pages 1 and 2.) After the discussion was completed, the following proposal was drafted for submission to the full CSB:

\$25,000 – The ID committee of the CSB proposes an initiative to increase the percentage of persons with ID and DD who are engaged in competitive employment, or individual supported employment with a job coach. The focus would be on funding job development through existing contracts with non-profit providers, to secure community-based employment, preferably in Arlington. This should be an option for all individuals, but especially for those now working in sheltered employment, and for special education students transitioning to adult services. These jobs should be in integrated settings, at or above the minimum wage.

The ID committee's March meeting agenda will revisit job development. Committee members, including Barbara Jones and Ann Kelly, will bring information about increasing employment opportunities from other parts of Virginia and from other states.

IDD Proclamation Planning – Barbara Jones

The annual proclamation event will be Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, third floor, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard.

ID Committee Update – Moira Saucedo

Moira Saucedo announced that she has moved to Alexandria. She can no longer serve as an Arlington County CSB member. Therefore, she has resigned as a CSB member and from her position as co-chair of the ID committee. Committee members expressed appreciation for her work related to CSB and ID committee business.

IDD Staff Report – Joanna Wise Barnes

Virginia's Settlement Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice:

- Community Residences and one other residential provider are interested in expanding services in Arlington, to meet the needs of training center residents leaving State institutions as they down-size and close, as well as community residents in need of residential placements.
- See hand-out, attached, titled "Arlington Residents of State Training Centers, Discharges Completed since Settlement Agreement on January 26, 2012."
- IDDS staff met separately and together with representatives of Arlington Public Schools and Virginia's Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services. The topic of discussion was implementation of the Employment First philosophy, and how that will impact students transitioning from special education to adult services, as well as those already receiving IDD Services. As Virginia continues to implement Employment First, the three agencies will continue to discuss this and to make necessary changes.
- See January 28, 2014 letter to ID and DD Waiver stakeholders, from Connie Cochran, Assistant Commissioner for Developmental Services in Virginia.
- See January 29, 2014 letter to CSBs from John Pezzoli, Acting Commissioner of the VA Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. The letter references the first report on the Waiver study, and changes in administering the Supports Intensity Scale instrument with Waiver recipients.

Inclement Weather:

- Residential Services – When day support and supported employment services are cancelled, or when residents are at home during the day for other reasons, residential providers are able to bill for the extra hours of coverage they provide under a Waiver service called *periodic supports*. Overnight staff does not leave the home until day shift workers arrive.
- Habilitation/Supported Employment Services – The regional contract for day support, pre-vocational, sheltered, and supported employment allows service providers to develop their own policies for inclement weather and other closings. This is preferable because the providers are located in various sites throughout the metropolitan area, where weather and road conditions vary. Some providers' closure policies are driven by their work fulfillment contracts with private companies and government agencies. *Providers' daily reimbursement rates factor in less than 100% attendance due to snow days, staff training days, illnesses, etc.* If snow days are higher than estimated, providers may request reimbursement from CSBs.
- Transportation Services - The IDDS contract with Diamond Transportation Services follows Arlington Public Schools closures for inclement weather. This is the safest practice, least likely to lead to vehicle accidents, falls on the ice, etc. Both day support providers and the transportation provider are tasked with *ensuring that caretakers are at home to receive riders* before they are dropped off. IDDS staff members are available to assist in placing telephone calls to caretakers when help is needed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approval of February Minutes

These minutes were reviewed by the ID committee at its March 5, 2014 meeting. They were approved as written and will now be included in the packet of information for the full CSB at its March meeting.