

**Arlington County Community Services Board
Intellectual Disabilities Committee
November 6, 2013 Meeting
DHS Stambaugh Building, 2100 Washington Blvd, Lower Level, Room A
6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by ID Committee Co-Chairs Barbara Jones and Moira Saucedo at 6:40 p.m.

Present – Lucia Claster, Brian DeAtley, Barbara Jones, Ann Kelly, Rebecca Lake, Moira Saucedo, Carol Skelly, Alex Yellin, and Casey Youman

Staff - Anne Rule of Community Residences; Marshall Henson of Linden Resources; Kenan Aden of MVLE; Ken Crum, Brenda Richardson, and Paul Wexler of ServiceSource; Lucy Beadnell of The Arc of Northern Virginia; Joanna Wise Barnes, committee staff liaison from IDDS

Agenda Items:

The Arc of Northern Virginia Monthly Updates – Lucy Beadnell

- See attached hand-out titled November 2013 Legislative Update
- Regarding fall tours mentioned in the above hand-out, see attached flier “What Does a Home in the Community Look Like?”

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Draft minutes of the October 2, 2013 meeting and hand-outs were reviewed by committee members. Minutes were approved as written and will be submitted to the full CSB at its November 20, 2013 meeting.

Virginia’s Settlement Agreement with DOJ –Carol Skelly

See attached draft letter dated November 6, 2013 to the northern Virginia State legislative delegation. This is related to the down-sizing and closing of State institutions. Carol Skelly explained that this draft letter may undergo additional revisions and will most likely be signed by most CSB chairs in this region. The intent of the letter is to explain to the legislators that northern Virginia needs start-up and on-going funding to build and sustain community capacity. The letter will be presented to the legislators who participate in the full CSB meeting on November 20, 2013.

Autism Information – Carol Skelly

See three attachments:

- “Autism Information for Arlington CSB IDD Committee”, October 2013
- “Final Report, Evaluation of APS Services for Students with Special Needs”, January 2013

- “Virginia Department of Education, Totals for Students with Disabilities by Disability and Age, Ages 0 – 22+”, December 1, 2010

Carol Skelly explained that there was a joint meeting of the ID and Mental Health Committees of the CSB on October 23, 2013. Three parents attended representing two students with autism. Reportedly these two students and others do not meet the criteria for CSB services from either the Behavioral Health Division or from IDD Services. Concern was expressed that some of these students may not succeed in jobs or in higher education after they leave Arlington Public Schools. Lucia Cluster shared statistics from *Pediatrics* magazine -apparently a significant number of students with autism are not employed and not in school two and seven years after they leave high school. Cluster may be available after June, and may give a formal presentation on autism to the ID committee then.

IDD Updates – Joanna Wise Barnes

See these hand-outs:

- “DBHDS – My Life, My Community – Re-designing Supports for Virginians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities” which was distributed at the recent public forums held to discuss studying the ID and DD Waivers
- “Virginia DOJ Implementation Progress” by Olivia Garland, Ph.D., DBHDS Deputy Commissioner, distributed at the VACSB fall conference in October

Joanna also briefed the committee on current staffing levels. Three vacancies remain – the new support coordination (SC) supervisor position, and two SCs. IDDS staff are interviewing for the supervisory position and for one SC position. The second SC position will be filled when allowed under the current hiring slow-down.

Employment First

- **“Employment First, Rhetoric or Real Transformation?” – Brian DeAtley**

See PowerPoint presentation dated September 12, 2013. While DeAtley did not distribute the PowerPoint during the ID committee meeting, many of his talking points were drawn from it, and he gave permission for it to be distributed with these minutes. DeAtley pointed out that the employment first philosophy is now captured in the CSB’s Performance Contract with Virginia’s Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), in the DBHDS Employment First Plan, and in the Commonwealth’s Settlement Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice. He mentioned that the U.S. Department of Labor may decide to terminate federal regulations which allow providers to pay persons with disabilities less than the federal minimum wage and below labor market standards. Virginia has a Supported Employment Leadership Network (SELN) as do many states.

- **“ServiceSource...Employment Center Redesign” – Paul Wexler and Ken Crum**

See PowerPoint presentation dated November 6, 2013. Wexler talked about the potential impact of the employment first philosophy on sheltered employment. ServiceSource supports 100 individuals in center-based services. ServiceSource has met with stakeholders and is

beginning to meet with families to decide on next steps, to develop employment and community-based opportunities for individuals. Crum explained that these possibilities include group and individual supported employment as well as self-employment. ServiceSource as an organization is committed to pro-active steps in support of the employment first philosophy. ServiceSource Executive VP/COO Bruce Patterson was unable to attend, but offered in advance to attend the ID committee's December meeting to follow-up on this discussion and any questions. The committee members indicated that they would like for him to come in December.

There was considerable discussion between committee members and provider staff about employment first and the future of center-based services. Some points made:

- Special education students deserve more choices when they leave school
- People with disabilities need more than dead-end jobs
- Day support programs represent more than paid wages; concern was expressed about the potential loss of funds for these programs
- Center-based work in some cases offers a richer environment than some community-based jobs
- Congregate settings are economically the best way to provide services to persons who need high levels of support
- Providers need more resources to do business development

CSB Updates – Barbara Jones and Moira Saucedo

- Most State senators and delegates will attend the next full meeting of the CSB on November 20, 2013; it begins early at 6:00 p.m.
- There is a new communications and outreach committee chaired by CSB member Keith Whyte. Persons interested in serving on that committee should talk to Barbara or Moira.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in room A on the lower level of the DHS building, 2100 Washington Boulevard.

Approval of November Minutes – The ID committee reviewed and approved these minutes as written during its December 4, 2013 meeting. These minutes will be submitted to the full CSB at its December 18, 2013 meeting.