

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 24, 2014

Members Present: Jenette O’Keefe, Charlie Baughman, Chandell Miller

Members Absent: Keith Whyte, Craig Dabney, Wes Sanchez, Jim Mack, Shawn Buckner

BHD Staff: Joe Bullock

- I. COUNTY BOARD BUDGET HEARING PROCESS:** Ms. Jenette O’Keefe provided a detailed overview of the Arlington County Advocacy Process with the committee. Committee members were reminded to “Save the Date” of Tuesday, March 25th at 7pm in they are planning to speak at the Arlington County Board budget hearing. Key points emphasized included the Arlington County Board budget work session schedule along with details about the advanced sign up process for individuals interested in speaking at the upcoming budget hearing. There is an online option for sign-up in advance on the county board website. Ms. O’Keefe also informed committee members of the possibility to register members as a group and requested members to notify her as early as possible in anyone is interested in this option. The committee raised a question regarding whether a citizen had to live in Arlington to speak at the county board meeting. Dr. Bullock stated that he will check on the rules for speaking at the hearing and notify the committee via email. Lastly, there will be no March committee meeting as the budget hearing takes place the same week as the scheduled budget public hearing meeting and committee members are encouraged to attend the hearing in lieu of the committee meeting.
- II. ROSS ADDICTIONS COUNSELING OVERVIEW-** Mr. Chandell Miller gave a brief overview of the Ross Addictions Counseling program. Ross Addiction Counseling primarily targets adults experiencing alcohol or other substance abuse problems in the Northern Virginia area. Ross has a specialized program for individuals needing to meet the mandatory 20 educational requirement under the Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) for driving under the influence or other impaired driving violations. Mr. Miller stated that any individuals not eligible for services through the Arlington CSB Substance Abuse program can be screened at Ross Counseling by a professional staff to evaluate their substance abuse treatment needs.
- III. SA COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT:** Mr. Jenette O’Keefe provided the committee with an update regarding the FY 2015 budget priorities. Ms. O’Keefe shared with the committee the CSB’s continuing to work to finalize their priorities list. The SA Committee has two major programs on the priority list (ACT Unit Therapist, Peer Recovery Specialist) along with strong support for a jail-based MH therapist position.
- IV. SA DIRECTOR REPORT:** Dr. Bullock reported to the committee that the Arlington Drug Court program is approaching their first year anniversary. Dr. Bullock will keep the committee informed on any activities as planning for this event advances. Dr. Bullock also provided a reminder for recommending new committee members to join the SA Committee. Dr. Bullock stated that anyone interested can contact him directly.

NOTE: No March meeting! The next SA Committee meeting will be held on **April 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the George Mason Center Building, 1801 N. George Mason Drive next to the Drewry building.**