

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 25, 2013

Members Present: Jim Mack, Wes Sanchez, Jenette O’Keefe, Shawn Buckner

Members Absent: Bharati Patel, Keith Whyte, Charlie Baughman, Craig Dabney

BHD Staff: Joe Bullock; Bill Briggs

I. HIV PREVENTION PROGRAM OVERVIEW: Dr. Bullock introduced Mr. Bill Briggs, HIV/STI Prevention Specialist, to the committee. Mr. Briggs has been providing HIV prevention outreach, intervention and education for the past 18 months for the SA Bureau. Mr. Briggs provided the committee with an overview of the specific types of prevention outreach activities that he coordinates on a weekly basis. Mr. Briggs is responsible for the provision of specialized services to substance abusers at high risk of acquiring HIV, HEP C, TB and other communicable diseases or having AIDS or HEP C, including the following services:

- Early intervention services for HIV, HEP C, TB and other communicable diseases through presentations and discussions in education classes or treatment groups; screening/testing and risk reduction counseling.
- Interim substance abuse services, to person who are a priority population (IDUs, HIV+ and Pregnant Women) within 48 hours of request for services.
- Substance abuse case management/care coordination for HIV+ substance abusers in treatment, including work regarding the stigma of substance abuse and HIV/STD/HEP C/AIDS; and support groups.

Mr. Briggs also shared information with the committee upcoming World Aids Day events that will take place in a variety of community settings as well as a special program hosted at the Arlington County Detention Facility. Mr. Briggs concluded his presentation by responding to a variety of questions from the committee.

II. SA COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT: Mr. Jim Mack provided the committee with an update from a recent meeting he attended with Arlington County Manager, Ms. Barbara Donnellan, regarding the FY 2015 budget projections. Mr. Mack provided a few key highlights from the meeting including the anticipation of an \$11 million dollar deficit of projected revenue. The County Manager also stated that no instructions have been issued to staff for reductions yet but that it is likely to happen.

Ms. Jenette O’Keefe shared with the committee that the CSB hosted General Assembly legislators last week. SA Committee member Ms. Shawn Buckner gave a presentation to legislators on the need and benefits of SA peer recovery services. Ms. O’Keefe stated the presentation was powerfully delivered and the meeting went well overall.

III. SA DIRECTOR REPORT: Dr. Bullock reported to the committee that the next committee meeting will be held at the Arlington County Detention Facility and will be a full site visit of the Addiction Corrections Treatment (ACT) program. Dr. Bullock will send out an email to all committee members with details of jail security protocols that members need to follow prior to beginning the tour. Dr. Bullock provided a reminder for

recommending new committee members to join the SA Committee. Dr. Bullock stated that anyone interested can contact him directly.

NOTE: The next SA Committee meeting will be held on **December 16, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Arlington County Detention Facility.**