

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 28, 2014

Members Present: Craig Dabney, Wes Sanchez, Jim Mack, Shawn Buckner, Lonnie Ford

Members Absent: Keith Whyte, Jenette O'Keefe, Charlie Baughman

BHD Staff: Joe Bullock, Jose Campos

- I. **SA COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT:** Mr. Jim Mack WELCOMED Mr. Lonnie Ford as the newest member of the SA Committee. Mr. Mack informed Committee members that the FY 15 county budget was adopted by the Arlington County Board earlier this week. Mr. Mack reported that the news was not good in terms of adopted CSB priorities this year. Mr. Mack reported that there was one CSB priority request that was funded with one time funding and that was the CIT Coordinator. None of the other requests were funded. Mr. Mack reassured the committee that there was a tremendous advocacy effort by all this year and feels confident about the process/strategy used this year. Mr. Mack concluded by stating that the CSB is well known at the county board level and efforts for advocating identified CSB priorities will resume again next fiscal year.

- II. **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OVERVIEW-** Mr. Jose Campos, Job Avenue Program Manager, was introduced to committee members. Mr. Campos presented an overview of the Job Avenue program with a specific focus on the SA employment services consumer data that the committee successfully advocated for in FY 2012. Job Avenue uses a specialized skill focused employment model to assist SA consumers in need of job placement in either a skilled area or new job interest area. Mr. Campos stated that 76 percent of consumers referred to Job Avenue were placed in employment during FY14 compared to 61 percent placed during FY 13. This rate of success can be attributed to efforts to job match consumers with areas of interest as well as a variety of wrap around support services (resume building, clothes, transportation to interview etc.) to improve overall engagement of clients with employment goals. Mr. Campos concluded his presentation by reviewing a new program enabling consumers to enroll in college or trade schools. This is a very limited program and is not currently available for SA consumers. The committee requested that Mr. Campos explore the viability of adding this service for SA consumers and follow up with the committee if the model is recommended.

- III. **SA DIRECTOR REPORT:** Dr. Bullock began by expressing his gratitude and appreciation to the committee for all of their advocacy efforts put forth this budget season. Dr. Bullock began his report by informing the committee that April marks the first year anniversary for the Drug Court program. In recognition of this milestone, the Drug Court team invited community stakeholders to a celebration event that included a full summary of the implementation of this program over the past year. Dr. Bullock also reported that Cindy Kemp, CSB Executive Director, has recently retired. One final achievement performed by Ms. Kemp was that she secured a commitment of \$150,000 from the regional CSB Executive Directors in ongoing one time regional funding for the SA Peer Recovery Project. The existing funding was scheduled to end on June 30, 2014. This project makes available part-time SA peer recovery

services for SA consumers in all five CSB's in Northern Virginia. The project has proven to be extremely successful in engaging high risk clients at all levels of CSB services.

NOTE: The next SA Committee meeting will be held on **May 19, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the George Mason Center Building, 1801 N. George Mason Drive next to the Drewry building.** The committee is also scheduled to visit the **Arlington Drug Court on May 22nd.**