

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Minutes for June 4, 2014

DHS Building, Sequoia Complex, 2100 Arlington Blvd, Room C, Arlington VA 22204

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by committee co-chair Barbara Jones.

Introductions – Barbara Jones and Brian DeAtley, CSB members and committee co-chairs; committee members and guests Chuck Adkins-Blanch, Donna Budway, Lucia Cluster, Ann Kelly, Moira Saucedo, Carol Skelly, and Nancy Tishman; provider staff representatives Kris Hollins of Community Residences and Kaleigha Gray of ServiceSource; Lucy Beadnell of The Arc of Northern Virginia; Joanna Wise Barnes, staff liaison from Developmental Disability Services

Agenda Items

The Arc of Northern Virginia – Lucy Beadnell distributed and discussed a hand-out titled The Arc of Northern Virginia’s June 2014 Legislative Update. See attached.

Approval of May Minutes – The minutes were reviewed and approved as written. They will be submitted to the CSB at its next full meeting on June 18. The review of the minutes included a discussion of attachments, including one labeled *CSB Program Review, Committee Name: ID (IDD Services)* which was presented by IDDS staff members during the May meeting. Some committee members requested supplemental information at future meetings. Requested information includes the number of adults served by each private provider of supported employment and habilitation services, and the sub-total of those served within Arlington. There was also a request for annual earned income of adults receiving supported employment services.

State Legislative Priorities related to IDD Services – Barbara Jones reviewed a hand-out titled *Arlington County Community Services Board (CSB) General Assembly Recommendations*. See attached. The CSB executive committee supported this place-holder wording, which will be revised when the ID Waiver rate study recommendations are published: “Allocate additional resources to Northern Virginia to support **community placement of individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID) in accordance with the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement.**”

A Parent’s Perspective on Changes in the SWAT/EBCE Programs in Arlington Public Schools – Lucia Cluster referred to the Arlington Public Schools hand-outs that were attached to the May meeting minutes. She also distributed a brochure titled *Program for Employment Preparedness, Arlington Career Center*. See attachment. She explained that the SWAT/EBCE programs are evolving to become the Program for Employment Preparedness (PEP). PEP will have three levels – students now in the SWAT program, those now in the EBCE program, and the new focus on those who have higher level skills. The Career Center is hiring new teachers to staff the program. There will be a room at the Career Center for training office skills. APS staff have information about a Fairfax Public Schools training program, including curriculum. APS has received a \$22,000 grant to purchase computers and other equipment, as well as a social skills curriculum. Teachers have been trained on this curriculum. Other Career Center employees may supplement the PEP teachers and there will be some blending of PEP and other Career Center and Technology Education classes. PEP will begin in the fall of 2014 and will remain small during its first year; it will be restricted to 50 current SWAT/EBCE students and 10 new students. It will be publicized more

broadly for the 2015-16 school year. The focus will be on special skills needed for job training – the soft skills that are critical for job success. Students will enter PEP at age 18 or 19 after regular classes end.

Staff Reports

IDD Services Updates – Joanna Wise Barnes shared the following information.

- Virginia’s Department of Medical Assistance Services (the State Medicaid office) conducted an unannounced Quality Management Review (audit). There were no citations or recommendations; therefore a corrective action plan was not requested or needed.
- There are two support coordinator vacancies. These should be advertised soon. Then interviewing will begin.
- Arlington had no discharges from training centers this month.
- Joanna encouraged families to consider contacting the Arlington Police Department about enrolling in Project Lifesaver. This helps children and adults who are at risk of becoming lost; the technology helps the police department to find them more easily and sooner. There was discussion about hosting an event to inform families about the service, and ways of publicizing it widely.
- Virginia’s Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services is calling for a Region 2 (No VA) representative to serve on a workgroup created by Senate Bill 627. The volunteer would represent families who have an individual on the waiting list for an ID Waiver slot. The workgroup will review training center closures and timelines for closures. Ann Kelly volunteered.
- Joanna distributed these hand-outs:
 - *Virginia Department of Education Fast Fact (April 2010), Secondary Education: Why it is important to plan early*
 - *Virginia Department of Education Special Education Transition Services for Students with Disabilities*
 - *Autism Spectrum Disorders: An Overview in Spanish*

Vendor Reports

Kaleigha Gray of **ServiceSource** talked about the upcoming expiration of the contract that her organization has with Arlington County to operate the **Community Integration Center (CIC) at Woodmont**.

Ann Kelly, representing the Friends of the **CIC**, explained that they would soon begin using interns to provide 1:1 attention to program participants for friendship and therapeutic purposes. She wondered if other providers might be interested in this model.

Kris Hollins of **Community Residences** reported that they are opening an intermediate care facility in Burke. It is likely that some of the residents will be adults who are leaving State training centers.

New Business

Nancy Tishman announced that newly elected Arlington County Board member John Vihstadt will visit the **CIC** on July 2 at 8:30 a.m.

There was a discussion about **Project Search**. The Alexandria Public Schools are partnering with Virginia’s Division of Rehabilitative Services and hospitals to create employment opportunities for special education students as they leave school.

Donna Budway announced that she knows a residential building company that might be interested in assisting with **group home renovations**. Joanna offered to put the builder in touch with the County's Planning and Housing Department, and Arlington Economic Development.

Joanna agreed to provide a link to the **County's housing study** as soon as it's ready for distribution.

The **ID Committee's 2014-2015 schedule of meetings** was discussed and the following plans were made. The schedule will be finalized during the committee's July meeting.

- July 2, 2014 meeting – Donna Goldbranson will talk about the SPARC Solutions program.
 - Committee members also requested IDDS staff updates on job placement efforts, and current residential waiting list numbers.
- There will be no meeting in August.
- September 3, 2014 – Margaret Jones will present information about Arlington's Parent-Infant Education program, the early intervention services called Infant-Toddler Connection or Part C services throughout Virginia.
- Other possible agenda items during 2014-15 suggested were:
 - Medicaid expansion in Virginia (Kathy May)
 - Pathways to Careers (Brian DeAtley)

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approval of June Minutes - These minutes were approved by the committee during its July 2, 2014 meeting. They will be submitted to the CSB at its next full meeting.