

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 27, 2014

Members Present: Jim Mack, Jenette O’Keefe, Lonnie Ford, Shauna Alonge, Keith Whyte, Pattie Aaron, Shaun Buckner

Members Absent: Charlie Baughman, Craig Dabney, Wes Sanchez

BHD Staff: Joe Bullock

- I. SA COMMITTEE FY 15 WORKPLAN-** Dr. Bullock led a discussion focused on finalizing the FY 2015 committee work plan. Dr. Bullock informed the committee about recommended options for site visits, possible topics for presentation to the committee that could be added to the work plan based on discussion from the September committee meeting and indicated that there were at least four additional slots needing a topic. Dr. Bullock informed the committee that the Phoenix program was one option that was mentioned at last month’s meeting. The committee decided on visiting the following programs: Phoenix program, Alexandria Methadone and the Demeter House programs. The committee also plans to have a joint committee meeting with the Children and Family committee as well in April 2015. Dr. Bullock will confirm all site visits and finalize the other committee recommendations on the FY 15 committee work plan prior to the next meeting.
- II. SA RECOVERY MONTH/PREVENTION ACTIVITIES UPDATE:** Dr. Bullock shared with the committee news that he was contacted by Pastor Brian Mickle from the First Presbyterian Church in Arlington who was requesting an outreach presentation on the community impact of the legalization of marijuana. The committee has had many past efforts to outreach to the church and Dr. Bullock was very excited to oblige the request. Dr. Bullock stated that SA Bureau staff will be making a presentation for First Presbyterian on November 9th beginning at 9:45 a.m. The anticipated audience in attendance will range between 30-40 adults. Dr. Bullock will keep the committee informed about future opportunities that may result from this effort.
- III. SA COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT-** Mr. Mack summarized highlights from the CSB Annual Strategic Planning Retreat held in mid-October. Mr. Mack reported that the CSB is currently working on analyzing the budget priorities for FY 16. Mr. Mack informed the committee that one of the key note speakers at the meeting was Arlington County Board member Ms. Mary Hynes. Ms. Hynes presented information on the early economic projection for FY 16 budget planning. Ms. Hynes also acknowledge her support for the drug court program during her presentation. Mr. Mack stated that the CSB invited several other guests to make presentations on a variety of important issues such as housing and employment and civil commitment procedures. The CSB will schedule meetings with each member of the Arlington County Board in mid-March to seek county board support for CSB priorities. Citizen advocacy at the county public hearings takes place late March 2015 and the Arlington County manager typically submits a final FY 16 budget to the county board the third week in April 2015.

IV. SA DIRECTOR REPORT: Dr. Bullock was pleased to inform the committee that the Department of Human Services has announced the hiring of the new CSB Executive Director. Ms. Beth Tschopp will fill this position and is scheduled to start on November 5, 2014. Dr. Bullock also announced that the Addiction Correction and Treatment Program (ACT) will host a first time ACT Program Alumni Fair to all former program graduates. The focus of the fair will be to celebrate this year's national recovery month theme: "Join the Voices for Recovery: Speak Up-Reach Out." All committee members were invited to attend this exciting event. More details to come about this program will be reported at the next committee meeting.

NOTE: The next SA Committee meeting will be held on **November 24, 2014 at 7:00 pm** in the George Mason Center Conference Room next to Drewry Building- room 232.