

Intellectual Disability Committee of the Arlington County Community Services Board
Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
DHS Building, Sequoia Complex, 2100 Washington Blvd, Arlington VA 22204, Auditorium

Project Lifesaver Presentation – Officer James Joy, Arlington Police Department

The meeting began at 6:35 p.m. with an introduction by committee co-chair Barbara Jones of Officer Joy, who showed two videos about Project Lifesaver and passed around some of the equipment used by the program. The Arlington Police Department has used the equipment since 2009 to successfully locate children and adults who have been lost. See the attached flier for information about how to enroll in the program, which provides and maintains a personal locator unit for vulnerable individuals.

Intellectual Disability Committee Meeting

The ID committee meeting began at 7:20 p.m. and was led by co-chairs Barbara Jones and Carol Skelly.

Introductions – CSB members and co-chairs Barbara Jones and Carol Skelly; members and guests Chuck Adkins-Blanch, Donna Budway, Ann Kelly, Moira Saucedo, Nancy Tishman, and Kevin Youman; provider staff members Anne Rule of Community Residences, Michelle Lange of Linden Resources, Kaleigha Gray and Larrisha Leach of ServiceSource, Carrie Cortez of Volunteers of America; Lucy Beadnell representing The Arc of Northern Virginia; County staff members Becky Suttell of the Therapeutic Recreation Office, CSB executive director Beth Tschopp, and Joanna Wise Barnes of IDD Services

Approval of November 2014 meeting minutes – The minutes for the committee’s November 5, 2014 meeting were distributed and reviewed. The minutes were approved as written and will be submitted to the full CSB at its December 2014 meeting. Because of a copier malfunction, attachments to the minutes were not available during the meeting. So the approved minutes and attachments were emailed to the ID committee distribution list on December 18, 2014.

The Arc of Northern Virginia – Lucy Beadnell – See hand-out titled *The Arc of Northern Virginia’s December 2014 Legislative Update*.

CSB State Advocacy – Carol Skelly – See two hand-outs titled *Arlington CSB Priorities for the General Assembly*. (The first of these was reviewed at the December 3, 2014 ID committee meeting.) State senators, delegates, and their aides attended the CSB’s full meeting in November. They reviewed the four issues listed on the hand-out. There was considerable ID committee discussion about various residential service and housing options for communities when State training centers close, including the two new group homes planned for Arlington to serve persons discharging from training centers, and changes expected in Home and Community Based Waiver Services. The ID committee did not reach consensus on which residential and housing options might best replace institutional services. (The second hand-out was revised as per the ID committee’s December 3, 2014 discussion and was used in January 2015 discussions with State legislators during their General Assembly session.)

Staff Reports

Therapeutic Recreation Office – Becky Suttell – Becky Suttell from the Therapeutic Recreation Office provided an update. Class registration for Winter TR Classes starts on December 10 at 7:30 a.m. Check out the TR flyer for more information (attached). Two TR staff, April Rosenthal and Katie Salyers, are presenting at the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society (VRPS) conference this weekend. The presentation is on “Piecing together the puzzle of inclusion”.

Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services – Joanna Wise Barnes

- Joanna distributed a flier about the Woodmont Weavers holiday open house and sale on December 12th.
- All IDDS support coordination positions are filled. The contract manager for supported employment and habilitation services has been hired and begins work this month.
- At the December County Board meeting the request to accept and allocate State funds for group home development will be considered.

CSB Executive Director Beth Tschopp attended the meeting and asked that her email address be included in the meeting minutes: btschopp@arlingtonva.us

New Business – **Carol Skelly** reported that as a follow-up to the CSB’s November meeting with members of the General Assembly, she met with Senator Barbara Favola. Soon Carol Skelly and Senator Favola will meet with Delegates Patrick Hope and Rip Sullivan.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 6:30 p.m., room C on the lower level of the DHS building, 2100 Washington Blvd, Arlington VA 22204.

Approval of December 2014 meeting minutes – These minutes were reviewed by the committee at its February 4, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as drafted. They will be submitted to the full Community Services Board at its February 18, 2015 meeting.