

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 28, 2014

Members Present: Jim Mack, Jenette O’Keefe, Shaun Buckner, Shauna Alonge, Patti Aaron, Len Fischer

Members Absent: Keith Whyte, Charlie Baughman, Craig Dabney, Lonnie Ford, Wes Sanchez

BHD Staff: Joe Bullock

I. FY 17 SA COMMITTEE PRIORITIES- Committee Chair Jim Mack presented to the members the SA Committee’s draft version of the proposed budget priorities for FY 2017. This year’s budget priorities is organized into three themes specifically related to SA consumers:

- Request for ongoing funding for 1 FTE ACT Program Case Manager restoration
- Request for funding of 1FTE Peer Recovery Support Staff in Substance Abuse
- Funding for restoration of 1 FTE Drug Court Counselor

Dr. Bullock proposed keeping the committee priorities in draft form until after the CSB Executive Board completes their annual planning retreat in October 2015. The committee agreed to take no action on the priority list following this recommendation. Mr. Jim Mack advised the committee that he will be able to give the committee a report on the work outcomes resulting from the CSB planning retreat at the next committee meeting.

II. SA COMMITTEE FY 16 WORKPLAN- Dr. Bullock led a discussion focused on developing the FY 2016 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 and indicated that there were at least four additional slots needing a topic. Dr. Bullock suggested that the committee refer to a list of presentation topics included on the handout for possible opportunities if the committee was interested in learning more about any of these options. The committee decided to schedule site visits to see the SA/MH programs in the Arlington County Detention Facility, the new Arlington Shelter and the RPC Social Detox/Early Recovery programs for FY 16. Dr. Bullock will add additional edits to the work plan and the committee will finalize at the October committee meeting.

III. SA COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT- Mr. Mack summarized with the committee the CSB Budget Priority process for FY 17. Mr. Mack informed the committee of the upcoming CSB Annual Retreat meeting in October 2015 will hear a presentation of service redesign by Beth Tschopp, CSB Executive Director, as a prelude to the board exploring/identifying appropriate budget priorities by the CSB for FY 17. The CSB will also be completing a self-evaluation form and the processing of results will be facilitated by a consultant during the CSB retreat. Mr. Mack stated that the CSB will ideally be in a much better position to complete its work of identifying key priority strategic planning following the retreat. The CSB does not typically schedule meetings with each member of the Arlington County Board until mid-March to advocate county board support for CSB priorities. Citizen advocacy at the county public

hearings takes place late March 2016 and the Arlington County manager typically submits a final FY 17 budget to the county board the third week in April 2016.

IV. DIRECTOR REPORT: Dr. Bullock informed the committee that annual recovery month celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2015 and all committee members are invited to attend. The meeting will feature up to 11 consumers in an open mic format sharing their journey to recovery via poems, song and various other artistic forms. Dr. Bullock shared the 2015 national theme, “Visible, Vocal, Valuable” is the basis for the creative focus of the evening and that the event will take place at the Bus Boys and Poets. A second major event, “Unite to face Addiction Rally” is a national recovery focused initiative that will take place on the Washington D.C. National Mall Washington Monument grounds on Sunday, October 4th where tens of thousands are expected to attend this event. There has been considerable local and statewide planning to join in on this initiative and opportunities are available for Arlington consumers to receive public transportation assistance if needed to participate in this fantastic event.

Dr. Bullock also shared statistical demographic data for consumers receiving SA services in FY 15. Dr. Bullock pointed out that the largest age group served were individuals in the 26 to 40 age range. The second largest group were individuals in the 41-65 age group. Only 17 percent of consumers in the 18 to 25 age range receive SA services. Dr. Bullock pointed out that while there is very little fluctuation of the numbers during the year, discussion will continue in terms of the frequency for providing the committee with this type of statistical data. More details to come about this process will be reported at the next committee meeting.

NOTE: The next SA Committee meeting will be held on **October 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm** in the Sequoia III building in Conference Room 115 next to the front entrance of the building.