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January 20, 2016
Sequoia III
2120 Washington Blvd., Room 112
Arlington, Virginia
7:00 pm - Full Board Meeting

Present: James Mack, Jarrod Nagurka, Erica Jackson, David Gardner, Carol Skelly, Linda Kelleher, Barbara Jones, Leslie Gosling, Shauna Alonge, Joanne Del Toro

Excused: Asha Patton-Smith, Wayne Bert, Brian Berke, Atima Omara, Jay Ternent, Keith Whyte, Judy Deane

Staff: Beth Tschopp, Kelly Mauller

Public Comment(s)

A member of the community introduced himself and distributed a memo of commendation to the members with regard to the relocation of Clarendon House to 2120 Washington Boulevard. In the memo, he expressed a need for the clothing donation closet to reopen. The memo also stated that the clients are enjoying their new space.

Mr. Nagurka asked why the clothing donation closet was not open. Ms. Gosling responded that there is not enough space in the new location to adequately support opening the closet at this time. Ms. Mauller has a meeting scheduled with Clarendon House Program Manager, Rebecca Wright, to discuss the new space.

Approval of the December 16, 2015 ACCSB Meeting Minutes

Chair Mack called for a motion to approve the November 18, 2015 ACCSB Full Board meeting minutes. Ms. Alonge motioned to approve the minutes, Ms. Patton-Smith seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with corrections.

Staff Recognition

Hanna Belachew, Nurse Case Manager, Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), was nominated to receive the January 20, 2016 CSB staff recognition award. Mark Doering, PACT Assistant Manager, spoke about Ms. Belachew. Mr. Doering stated that Ms. Belachew is the lead nurse for all PACT clients and is very dedicated to her work. Mr. Doering further stated that Ms. Belachew not only manages the PACT clinic but also goes out into the community to serve clients. Kevin Pengelly, PACT Mental Health Therapist, stated that Ms. Belachew has always been welcoming and supportive to him. Dr. Sahar Awad, stated that she greatly appreciates Ms. Belachew. CSB member, Leslie Gosling, stated that Ms. Belachew is a great nurse and a great part of the PACT team. Christine O'Connor, former PACT team nurse, remarked that she has never heard anything negative about Ms. Belachew from clients. Ms. Belachew stated that she is happy to be a part of the PACT team.

Briefing: Summary and Recommendations from CSB Retreat Survey

Ms. Del Torro, Mr. Nagurka and Ms. Jackson presented an update about the CSB Retreat Survey Summary and Recommendations for Board Development (*Refer to Handout*). The responses and questions were grouped into categories. Ms. Del Torro noted that survey responses appeared to be determined by how the person interpreted the question.

- Questions that received both the highest and lowest ratings of importance include:
 - Board Mission
 - Staff
 - Board Composition
 - Strategic Planning
 - Funding/Legislative

Ms. Del Torro presented recommendations for consideration by the Executive Committee for the questions that received the highest and lowest ratings. They are as follows:

- Board Mission/Strategic Planning - for consideration
 - Is there a need for a strategic plan and, if so, what impact will this have on existing processes?
 - Consider whether mission related issues is a discussion of issues or a need for discussion of the mission itself.
- Staff - for consideration
 - Is it a stated role of the board to be involved in staff performance evaluations, to include a self-assessment by the CSB Executive Director?
- Board Composition - for consideration
 - Should there be a process in place to move members to the next level of leadership and engage those who have left to foster new membership?
- Funding/Legislative (advocacy for state and local resources) - for consideration
 - Should the full board develop a long-term advocacy plan?

The members discussed the survey summary and recommendations. The members agreed that a group of current, previous and new members should meet to discuss how to move forward as a result of the survey. This group will review the CSB's mission statement and submit recommendations to the full board at a future date. Ms. Del Torro, Ms. Jackson and Mr. Nagurka volunteered to be a part of this group.

The members discussed and agreed to establish a separate group to review CSB and staff communications.

Ms. Tschopp recommended that the members of the groups review the CSB By-laws and Memorandum of Understanding prior to submitting recommendations to the full board. Ms. Mauller will email the documents to the members.

CSB Draft FY17 Local Budget Priorities

Chair Mack opened a discussion about the CSB FY17 draft Local Budget Recommendations to the County Board. The CSB draft recommendations, in priority order, for the FY17 Arlington County Budget are as follows:

Primary/Behavioral Healthcare (BHC)

- Fund contracted service for both physicians and general nurse practitioners to continue seeing clients in Arlington County facilities. Cost - \$200,000

Mental Health (MH) Services (in order of priority)

- Permanently fund the Human Services Peer Specialist positions in Emergency Services (1FTE) and Substance Abuse Services (1FTE) and add 1FTE Human Services Peer Specialist for young adults. Cost - \$81,688 per position for a total of \$245,064

Substance Abuse (SA) Services

- Fund 1 FTE Human Services Peer Specialist. Cost - \$81,688

Behavioral Healthcare (BHC)

- Fund 1FTE Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment (IDDT) Care Coordinator to assist in the transition of severely ill citizens into integrated care: primary/behavioral, economic independence and dual diagnosis treatment (serious mental illness and substance abuse). Cost - \$97,240

Children and Youth (CY) Services

- No requests at this time.

Development Disability (DD) Services (there are no dollar amounts associated with these items)

- Propose a DD regional group home initiative for severely disabled children, who require 24/7 care, currently residing in nursing homes.
- DD Waiver reconstruction per the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.

ACCSB Executive Director's Report

- ✓ Ms. Tschopp reported out about the Group Homes. She stated that 7 incidents were reported for the month of December.

Ms. Alonge asked if the group home report is a compilation of all of the group homes. Ms. Tschopp responded that the Intensive Community Residential Treatment (ICRT) Program and Access House are not a part of the group home report. Ms. Tschopp asked the members if they would like a report on all types of incidents, of all clients, in only the group homes or the group homes and residential treatment facilities that are contracted by the County. She noted that the Health and Safety Committee receives all reports of all client deaths and incidents. The members agreed to work on identifying the types of information they would like to have included in the group home report.

Ms. Skelly noted that, historically, the group home report has provided information about programs where individuals are under the care of the County or contracted by proxy.

Ms. Tschopp stated that the DHS Leadership Team holds a Sentinel Event meeting within a calendar week of a reported death of a client. Death, abuse and/or neglect are considered Sentinel Events. Ms. Tschopp will email the Sentinel Event Policy to the members for review in order for them to decide what depth of information they would like to have reported. She noted that a report of a death is also sent to the State.

ACCSB Chair's Report

- ✓ Chair Mack reported out about the Regional and Local Public Budget Hearings that were held January 7, 2016.
 - The purpose of the Regional Public Budget Hearing is to receive comments on the Governor's proposed amendments to the 2016-2018 biennial state budget. Mr. Mack noted that, this year, the regional hearing was held at University of Mary Washington, University Center, Chandler Ballroom, 1301 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Mr. Mack attended and presented testimony on behalf of the Arlington County CSB (*Refer to Handout*).
 - The purpose of the Local Public Budget Hearings is to speak to Arlington County's local Legislators. The Local Public Budget Hearing was held at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, County Board Room, Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Mack attended and presented testimony on behalf of the Arlington County CSB (*Refer to Handout*).

Adjournment

The Arlington County Community Services Full Board meeting was adjourned by Chair Mack at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Mauller