

**Developmental Disability Committee of the Arlington County Community Services Board
Meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

Room B, DHS Building, 2100 Washington Boulevard, Arlington VA 22204

The meeting was called to order and facilitated by CSB members and committee co-chairs Barbara Jones and Carol Skelly.

Introductions – Barbara Jones and Carol Skelly, CSB members and ID committee co-chairs; committee members and attendees: Alex Soroko, Sheila Billingsley, Ann Kelly, Cherie Takemoto, Nancy Tishman, and Atima Omara; staff representatives of service providers: Michelle Brownlee (Linden Resources), Casey Youman (Linden Resources), Kris Hollins (Community Residences), Anne Rule (Community Residences), Deborah Bauer (ServiceSource), Brenda Richardson (ServiceSource), Kenan Aden (MVLE); Lucy Beadnell representing the Arc of Northern Virginia; and County staff members: Steve M. Garcia (DHS/DDS Bureau), La Voyce Reid (DHS/DDS Bureau), and April Rosenthal (Parks and Recreation – Therapeutic Recreation)

Approval of February Minutes – The DD committee approved the February 3, 2016 minutes contingent on the following revisions:

- In the introduction section of the minutes add a comma after the word “attendees” and include “Casey Youman” as a committee member and attendee
- Under the “Employment First in Arlington County” heading the following modifications were noted:
 - Delete “*relaunch and earlier discussion on the same topic*” and in its place add, “*develop an agenda to expand and improve community-based employment opportunities in Arlington.*”
 - Add as a final bullet to this same heading the following: “*Committee will need to combine Employment First goals with Arlington-specific priorities.*”
- Under the heading of Staff Updates – “Relocation of the Woodmont Weavers and RFP” – add to the 4th bullet point the following wording: “*Plan is for there to be an overlap period with the current and new providers.*”
- Under the same heading as above insert as a 5th bullet the following wording: “*The option of returning to Ballston Mall is not foreclosed, but the hope is that the Sequoia space will be successful in order to minimize further moves.*”
- Under the heading of Staff Updates – “Relocation of the Woodmont Weavers and RFP/ Discussion following the above Woodmont Weavers update included,” add as a 3rd bullet the following wording: “*St. Coletta’s expects to establish a weaving program at its location in Alexandria. Mr. Soroko asked whether current program participants will have a choice of program location. Ms. Reid responded that the choice would be up to the participants and their families.*”
- Under the heading of Staff Updates – “Relocation of the Woodmont Weavers and RFP/ Discussion following the above Woodmont Weavers update included,” delete the following wording, “*a few participants expressed disappointment with*” and replace with “*Committee discussed communication between the County and provider*”

It was agreed that the February minutes reflecting the above modifications would be sent to the Committee by the end of the week.

The Arc of Northern Virginia – Ms. Lucy Beadnell distributed and reviewed her hand-out entitled, “The Arc of Northern Virginia’s March 2016 Legislative Update” (Attached). The following were included in Lucy Beadnell’s highlights:

- The Senate supported protection of proceeds from the sale of the Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC) to remain in the Northern Virginia region to be used for services that support persons with developmental disabilities. The House supported a similar measure.
- Senator Newman introduced a Senate budget amendment to keep the Central Virginia Training Center (CVTC) open. This is not receiving much traction and is unlikely to pass.
- The House recommended 150 additional Waivers; the Senate recommended an additional 400, but removed 100 (Reserve) Waivers.
- The new Waiver rates are funded in both the House and Senate budgets; this is expected to go forwarded as included in the Governor’s proposed budget.
- The House and Senate both propose eliminating overtime for consumer-directed services (in the context of Department of Labor rule); live-in attendants would continue to be exempt from overtime; regular consumer directed attendants would be unable to work more than 40 hours per week, per client. The Governor’s budget allows for up to 16 hours of overtime. The House and Senate bills would both eliminate all overtime for consumer directed attendants. The Arc intends to issue an “Action Alert” asking for an exception to allow a family to appeal.
- The comment period for the Waiver Redesign (My Family My Community) closed on Monday, February 29th.
- The Arc’s housing workgroups are scheduled to launch on April 27th and continue to August 3, 2016. During this time period the workshops will occur every other Wednesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. with a Webinar option.
- Private Providers such as The Arc recently received communication from the State (DBHDS) that primary oversight and responsibility of Case Management for DD Waiver recipients will move forward in transitioning to local CSBs. La Voyce Reid shared that Arlington is weighing its options and considering both local contracting with private providers for DD Case Management, as well as regional contracting; either way, she stressed, the choice is with the individual recipient as to whether they elect to remain with the private provider or receive case management services via the CSB. For families that elect to remain with their private providers the Arlington CSB (DHS) will ensure that the required contract is in place.

Proclamation Ceremony Updates – Committee Co-chair, Barbara Jones, reported out on the 2016 Proclamation that occurred on Tuesday, March 1st: she estimated that there were just over 100 participants. Barbara Jones also reported that on display at the Proclamation were pictures of NVTC and the group homes including a timeline of the “project” from start to finish. County Board Member, Katie Cristol gave the keynote remarks, as well as presented certificates of appreciation to each honoree; County Manager, Mark Schwartz, presented the opening remarks; and DHS Director, Anita Friedman, gave the closing remarks and acknowledgements. It was noted that Community Residences brought three of its five residents of its newest group home; L’Arche group home also brought several of their residents.

Three of the County Board members were reported to be out of town; La Voyce Reid shared with the Committee that they sent their regrets ahead of the event.

Barbara Jones acknowledged Starbucks for its coffee donation again this year. Committee Co-chair, Carol Skelly, acknowledged Barbara Jones for her lead role in planning the Proclamation ceremonies for the past several years.

The photo display with timeline will be on display for the month of March. The Proclamation ceremony was audio and video recorded.

Involvement of persons with developmental disabilities in the criminal justice system

Barbara Jones reported that recently the Arlington Criminal Justice Review (CJR) Committee, which includes CSB representation, presented at a meeting of the CSB Executive Committee. Specifically, the CJR Committee discussed the recent arrest of a person with a developmental disability for assault/domestic violence. It was reported that the individual spent a couple of nights in jail (La Voyce Reid clarified that the individual spent one night in jail).

The DD Committee discussed a need to be aware of such incidents, as well as ensuring there are mechanisms in place for diversion when persons with developmental disabilities are engaged in the criminal justice system here in Arlington. The Committee expressed a desire or need to institute a system by which they are made aware of these situations.

It was communicated that there are similar systems or mechanisms in place for persons with mental illness (i.e., emergency services), but less so for persons with developmental disabilities.

La Voyce Reid and Steve Garcia both reported that there are actually few instances of persons with developmental disabilities being arrested or otherwise involved in the criminal justice system, though when this does occur diversion is often the goal.

La Voyce Reid also shared that the CIT (Crisis Intervention Training) Team reached out to the Department (DHS) following this individual's arrest to begin a dialogue about ways in which persons with DD can be diverted from the criminal justice system. This will be an ongoing discussion.

La Voyce Reid also shared that Health Planning Region (HPR) II has been presenting a training entitled, Regional First Responders – Autism, to each of the five localities in Northern Virginia. The training here in Arlington will include law enforcement. It was recommended by the Committee that an offer be extended to Arlington Courts. La Voyce Reid will follow-up on this recommendation. She also extended the invitation to a member or two of the DD Committee. The training will be held at the DHS Offices in Sequoia Plaza (Sequoia I, Conference Room D on the lower level) March 23rd beginning at 8:30 am.)

Waiver Redesign Comment Letter – Barbara Jones shared that a letter was submitted on behalf of the CSB DD Committee to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services in response to the Waiver Receive Design comment period (see attached). The letter supported an increase in reimbursement rates for Northern Virginia and is similar to the letter sent last year regarding the same issue.

County manager's Proposed Budget: Developmental Disability Services – Barbara Jones shared a four-page overview of DD Services from the County Manager's proposed budget (Attached). La Voyce Reid reported that there are no significant increases over last year's budget for DD Services. She highlighted the following: The Bureau is planning for eight Arlington Public School (APS) graduates that will transition to DD or ID services. The FY17 budget includes funding for these individuals; however, it was noted that up

to three individuals have current ID Waiver funding. Additionally, the Bureau has seen a turnover of seven ID Waivers, which preserves local funding for DD Services.

La Voyce Red also shared that as a part of Waiver Redesign (My Life My Community) the CSB (DDS Bureau) will assume primary responsibility for 15 individuals receiving active DD waiver-funded services and another 25 persons on the DD Waiver waitlist. It was reported that these number may shift before or immediately following the Waiver Redesign implementation date of July 1st. As a result, there could be more (Arlington) individuals with the DD Waiver (above the current count of 15),

Staff Updates –

April Rosenthal shared resources about therapeutic recreation opportunities in the County (Attached) Specifically, registration for therapeutic summer camp is now open; “Enjoy Arlington” class registration opens on Wednesday, March 9th. As usual, inclusion support is available, as needed. Individuals or their guardians are directed to call the office of therapeutic recreation if they require this support.

April Rosenthal highlighted an ADA accessible gardening pilot opportunity. Anyone interested should contact April R. directly.

La Voyce Reid’s staff updates included the following:

- There are currently three staff vacancies. One vacancy is from the recent resignation of Program Manager, Deborah Bumbaugh, on February 19th and the recent retirement of Dr. June Ellman, Support Coordinator, also on February 19th. The Bureau is also seeking to fill the Support Coordinator vacancy from November 2015. La Voyce Reid shared that the interview panel for the vacant Support Coordinator position has been interviewing and remains optimistic.
- Slot Allocation – The process and responsibility for evaluating and recommending the allocation of Waiver slots will move from CSB staff to community volunteers. Arlington will partner with Alexandria to form one Waiver Slot Allocation Committee (WSAC) as such partnerships are strongly encouraged by DBHDS. Training for volunteers will be forthcoming. La Voyce Reid encouraged anyone with interest to let her know, so that she may submit an application to DBHDS.
- Woodmont Weavers update – it was reported that:
 - The County Board approved the lease of the space at Sequoia II for the Woodmont Weavers; Department anticipates the start of the build-out very soon.
 - The staff have continued to meet with families. A family session was held on February 5th with the next session confirmed for March 18th. This session will focus on proposed model design. A staff representative from Facilities and Planning will present to the families the architectural design.
 - The Department is proceeding with plans for the quick quote to identify an interim provider. It anticipates issuing the quick quote within the next week.
 - The Department is also proceeding with development of an RFP aimed at identifying a long-term provider for the program.
 - The Department’s staff is seeking meet with experts in the fiber arts community in further developing and shaping the program and its model.

Alex Soroko reported that in speaking with Anita Friedman following last month's DD Committee, he learned that St. Coletta does not appear to be interested in partnering with Arlington to operate the Weaver's program.

- New Waiver billable services (See descriptions attached) including:
 - Employment Services
 - Workplace Assistance
 - Community Engagement
 - Community Coaching
 - Residential Services
 - Supported Living
 - Shared Living
 - Independent Living
 - Crisis Support Options
 - Non-Medicaid Transportation
 - Electronic Home-based Services
 - Community Guide

Vendor Reports

ServiceSource Deborah Bauer shared that La Voyce Reid will be visiting ServiceSource on Monday, March 7th during which time she will visit four of its program sites (Edsall Road, Springfield, Chantilly, and Oakton).

New Business – No new business reported

The next regular DD Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm.