

**Developmental Disability Committee of the Arlington County Community Services Board  
Meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

Room D, 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, Cherie Takemoto, Charlie Hughes, Judy Hughes, Alex Yellin, Atima Omara, and Nancy Tishman; staff representatives of service providers: Casey Youman (Linden Resources), Brenda Richardson (ServiceSource), Deb Bauer (ServiceSource), and Anne Rule (Community Residences); Rikki Epstein representing the Arc of Northern Virginia; and County staff members: Steve Garcia (DHS/DDS Bureau), Heidi Gardner (DHS/DDS Bureau), Reginald Lawson (APS), and La Voyce Reid (DHS/DDS Bureau).

**Approval of April Minutes** – The DD committee approved the May 10, 2016 pending a correction to the spelling of April Pinch-Keller’s last name and date of the meeting (corrected from March to April).

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

- The “Veto Session” of the General Assembly was concluded with zero vetoes for developmental disability services.
- Despite “last ditch” efforts to garner support for increasing attendant care hours beyond 40 hrs/week, funding for paid overtime hours failed in the General Assembly.
- The General Assembly will allocate funding from the DBHDS Trust Fund with money set aside for Northern Virginia capacity
- DBHDS submitted its application for Waiver Re-design to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); the Department has reportedly received some questions from CMS, but no approval as of today’s date. A decision by June 30, 2016 is anticipated.
- The Arc has been following a story out of Fairfax County involving a man on the Autism Spectrum that recently died in police custody. The Arc is advocating for improved training of first responders, as well as for an independent investigation of the providers and police.

The Arc continues to host its series of housing in-person workshops and Webinars that started in April.

**Therapeutic Recreation Office** – April Rosenthal was unable to attend; no updates were presented in her absence.

Program Updates – A CSB Program Review (attached) handout was provided to guide the annual review.

Adult Protective Services/Adult Services

The annual program updates began with DHS Adult Protective Services (APS)/Adult Services (AS). La Voyce Reid explained that while APS is separate from the CSB, there is a great deal of overlay between the two areas and that information from APS is relevant for the population served by the DD Committee. La Voyce introduced Mr. Reginald “Reggie” Lawson, Supervisor of the APS/AS unit housed within the Aging and Disability Services Division. Mr. Lawson provided a “Description of Services” (attached) that was distributed to participants.

The following are highlights from his presentation:

- The APS/AS service delivery model operates to provide the least (restrictive) services to most (restrictive). The goal is to be “less intrusive” in people’s lives.
- Referrals are generated throughout the Arlington community and can include social workers, law enforcement, Arlington Public Schools, and community members.
- The Adult Protective Services unit investigates abuse, neglect, and exploitation
- APS investigates allegations of all persons aged 60 and older, as well as persons between the ages of 18 and 59 with a documented physical or developmental disability.
- They determine within 24 hours of each call to validate if criteria for investigation is warranted; within five days they will interview the identified client, caregivers, and other relevant parties; and they have 45 days by state regulation to render a disposition
- Dispositions may include: Substantiated (yes, the abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred); Unfounded (a preponderance of the evidence that abuse, neglect or exploitation occurred was not determined); Substantiated needs no longer exist (e.g., abusive caregiver no longer has access to the individual).
- There is a growing trend of self-neglect (i.e., person not taking medication, hoarding)

Developmental Disability Services/Support Coordination and Family Support – Pages 1 and 2 of the handout

Steve Garcia, Clinical Services Program Manager, presented the annual program review for Support Coordination services. Highlights from his presentation included:

- Added an FTE for Quality Assurance devoted to the DDS Bureau services
- Eleven individuals discharged from Virginia’s Training Centers in FY16
- Community integration/engagement and informed choice are strongly interwoven into service delivery; quarterly forms have been modified to better assess for and report out on community integration
- All staff have been trained on the Waiver Re-design (My Life My Community)
- 42 individuals- to date served with Family Support Funds, this includes referrals from P.I.E. (Parent Infant Education)

Supported Employment and Habilitation Programs – Pages 2 and 3 of the handout

La Voyce Reid, DDS Bureau Chief, presented the annual program review for Support Employment and Habilitation Programs. Presentation highlights included:

- Plans underway for transition of the Woodmont Weavers from Ballston Mall due to construction. Plans were approved by the County Board to relocate the program to the DHS complex at

Sequoia I on the third floor. The anticipated move date is June 1, 2016. A new provider, ServiceSource, was identified to operate the program upon the relocation.

- There was a successful RFP process for the regional contracts for day support and supported employment services (one year with four renewals)
- Facility upgrades for the CIC at Woodmont were completed. Upgrades included changing room, installation of an elopement system, bathroom upgrades, and new signage)

It was determined by the Co-chairs and agreed to by Committee members and others present that the program updates for Transportation, Residential, and Mental Health would be delayed to a later meeting on June 29, 2016 as time did not permit presentation and discussion of the information at the current meeting.

#### Staff Updates –

La Voyce Reid's staff updates included the following:

- Staff vacancies include two Support Coordinator positions, one Clinical Services Program Manager, and more recently the Employment and Habilitation Contract manager.
- Staff have been trained for implementation of the Waiver Re-design
- Staff will meet with private DD Case Management providers on May 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss contracting with the County for this service. It is planned that individuals and their guardians currently served by the D Waiver will have choice of case management services effective July 1, 2016. This includes remaining with the current provider.
- DHS/DDS Bureau staff will host the two upcoming (state-facilitated) Waiver Re-design Webinars at Sequoia I on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>. Staff will
- Construction for the Weavers program at Sequoia II is underway with crews working six days a week to complete the site by May 20<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that Certificate of Occupancy would be available by or around this date. The issue of when participants would be able to visit the new space was discussed. La Voyce reported that there is no hard set date for this at this time, but that program and facility staff understand the importance of this happening ahead of the move in date (in order for participants and their guardians to make informed decisions about day support placements). It was also reported that the provider (ServiceSource) is looking to have on staff someone with weaving expertise.

#### Vendor Reports

**ServiceSource** – Deborah Bauer reported that they will host its “Disability Resource Fair” on June 11 from 10:00 to 2:00 PM in Oakton, VA (10467 White3 Granite Drive). Flyer for the vent is attached.

New Business – No new business reported

**The next regular DD Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm.**