

Arlington County Community Services Board
Executive Committee Meeting
Sequoia Plaza 3
2120 Washington Blvd.
Room 112

December 5, 2016

Present: Anne Hermann, Carol Skelly, Wayne Bert, Judy Deane, Asha Patton-Smith

Absent: Shauna Alonge, Jenette O'Keefe, Jim Mack

Staff: Anita Friedman, Oliver Russell, Kelly Mauller,

The December 5, 2016 Arlington County Community Services Board (ACCSB) Executive Committee meeting was convened by ACCSB Executive Committee Chair Anne Hermann at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Sequoia III Building, 2120 Washington Boulevard, Room 112, Arlington, Virginia 22204.

Approval of the November 7, 2016 Executive Committee Minutes

Chair Hermann called for a motion to approve the November 7, 2016 ACCSB Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ms. Patton-Smith motioned to approve the minutes, Ms. Deane seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as amended.

Virginia Hospital Center (VHC) Forum and Next Steps

Chair Hermann opened a discussion about the Virginia Hospital Center Forum that was held on November 28th from 6:00 – 8:00 at Sequoia I, 2100 Washington Boulevard, lower level auditorium. The forum was held for members of the community and family members of individuals receiving services to present testimony about their experiences with mental health and substance abuse services treatment while at VHC.

Chair Hermann stated that the forum was very successful, in that many families and consumers participated and presented spoken or written testimony. She noted that VHC was not represented at the forum. County Board Liaison, Christian Dorsey was in attendance for a portion of the forum.

Chair Hermann reported that Adrian Stanton has offered several dates to meet with CSB members and County staff to discuss the expansion of VHC. The committee agreed to meet with Mr. Stanton and VHC representatives on January 5th.

Chair Hermann announced that Ms. Deane has volunteered to chair a committee to address the following:

- Build a structure to pursue advocacy
- Learn more about the permitting process and other advocacy points
- Produce written materials
- On-board more allies and expand political awareness and support

Ms. Hermann brought forward next steps:

- Write a formal briefing report on the forum.

- Send a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to VHC requesting very specific information as it relates to communication between VHC and the County Board Office regarding any existing or draft site plans that have been proposed for the expansion of VHC. Mr. Russell noted that the FOIA request will need to be submitted this week.
- Meet with County Board members.
- Set up meetings with John Palmieri, BHC Division Chief and Leslie Weisman, Client Services Entry Bureau Chief to discuss points to present to VHC.

Ms. Skelly stated that she will develop a summary of the testimonies that were presented at the forum.

FY18 Local Budget Priorities

Mr. Russell, BHC Assistant Division Chief, stated that the subcommittees are continuing to develop their FY18 local budget recommendations.

Mental Health (MH)

- Mental Health Therapist in the jail
- Additional Mental Health Group Home beds

Child and Family (CF)

- Increase the hours of the current Intake Call Screener from .5 hours to 1FTE

Development Disabilities (DD)

- 2.2FTE Case Managers
- Community based employment
- Guardianship – nonmonetary request

Chair Hermann reported that she and Ms. Deane attended the County Manager's Budget Session for Commission Chairs and Members on December 1st. She stated that one of the items that the County Manager spoke about was the VHC expansion. Chair Hermann added that she was given the opportunity to speak about the VHC expansion.

Developmental Disabilities Employment Initiative

Ms. Skelly stated that the DD committee has been discussing establishing a pilot employment program to serve individuals who want community based employment. She added that the pilot would assist in discovering barriers to employment for individuals with a development disability. Ms. Skelly stated that receiving staff feedback about barriers to employment has been challenging and asked Ms. Friedman if she could speak to that point.

Ms. Friedman stated that an individual service plan is developed for clients which includes staff asking about employment services. She added that DHS is required by the State to ask individuals about employment as a part of their service plan. Ms. Friedman continued by stating that, as a part of the department's performance measure plan, staff are required to report outcome measures regarding employment. Ms. Skelly added that performing a feasibility study for a pilot would be beneficial.

Ms. Skelly stated that the pilot employment program is an agenda item for the DD committee meeting on December 7th. Ms. Friedman will attend the meeting.

Brief Updates/Information

- ✓ Mr. Russell brought the revised draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) before the committee for final review and Executive Committee approval (Refer to Handout). The committee approved the revised MOA and will bring the MOA before the full board for formal approval at the December 14th meeting. The MOA will be presented to the County Attorney for review and approval before being brought before the County Manager for approval and signature.
- ✓ Ms. Friedman reported that the main County Human Resources Department (HRD) has received numerous applications for the DHS Assistant Deputy Director position. The CSB Chair and possibly one other CSB member will be a part of the interview process.
- ✓ Chair Hermann thanked Ms. Mauller for developing the CSB FY16 Annual Report.
- ✓ Chair Hermann announced that DHS Secret Santa has started collecting Secret Santa gift cards for the residents of the Mary Marshall Assisted Living Residence (MMALR). She stated that Target gift cards are preferred in denominations of up to \$25. Chair Hermann noted that cash and check donations are welcome. Checks should be made out to the Arlington County Treasurer. Ms. Mauller will provide the Contribution Acknowledgment forms to the members.
- ✓ Chair Hermann announced that the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees of the Virginia General Assembly will hold regional public hearings (Refer to Handout) on the Governor's proposed amendments to the 2016-2018 biennial state budget as follows:

Wednesday, January 4, 2017 (hearings begin at 10:00 a.m.)

- Fairfax County - Northern VA Community College at Annandale, Ernst Center Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003
- Abingdon - Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Grand Hall, One Partnership Cir, Abingdon, VA 24210

Wednesday, January 4, 2017 (hearings begin at 12:00 noon)

- Newport News - Christopher Newport University, David Student Union, Ballroom, 1 Avenue of the Arts Newport News, VA 23606
- Central Virginia - City of Richmond, General Assembly Building, House Room D, 201 N 9th St, Richmond, VA 23219

The purpose of the hearings is to receive comments on the Governor's proposed amendments to the 2016-2018 biennial state budget. Those persons wishing to speak may register at each hearing site no earlier than one hour prior to the start of the hearing.

Speakers will be taken in the order of registration. Each person may register only one speaker at a time. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to three minutes or less. Speakers representing groups and organizations should consolidate remarks to reduce duplication. Persons unable to attend may comment in writing to either:

- Delegate S. Chris Jones
P.O. Box 406
General Assembly Building
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Or,

- Senator Thomas K. Norment Jr./Senator Emmett W. Hanger Jr.
P.O. Box 396
General Assembly Building
Richmond Virginia 23218

- ✓ Chair Hermann reported that the Arlington County Legislative Public Hearing will be held on January 5th at 6:30 p.m. in County Board room 300, located in Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard.
- ✓ Chair Hermann announced that the County's Legislative Packet will be approved at the December 13th recessed County Board meeting.
- ✓ Mr. Russell announced that the VACSB Legislative Conference will be held on January 17th and 18th, 2017 at the Hilton Richmond Downtown Hotel (Refer to Handout). The purpose of the conference is to provide knowledge and perspective on current budget, legislative and advocacy information relevant to community behavioral health. Mr. Russell asked the members to email Ms. Mauller if they are interested in attending the conference.
- ✓ Ms. Friedman will send the Virginia Local Human Services Officials (VALHSO) list of human services legislative items, for Virginia's General Assembly, to the committee. VALSO includes other individuals at a similar level to Ms. Friedman's position of DHS Director. The list includes all of the bills that are being considered during the General Assembly related to all DHS programs.
- ✓ Chair Hermann announced that Clarendon House will be holding their annual holiday celebration on December 9th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Spider Kelly's, located at 3181 Wilson Boulevard in Arlington.
- ✓ Chair Hermann reminded the committee about the discussion from the CSB Annual Retreat regarding developing a Communication Committee. She stated that it is still unclear about the mission of the committee but that Joanne Del Toro has volunteered her assistance. Chair Hermann will contact Ms. Del Toro to discuss. The committee recalled that the Communication Committee would involve increased community outreach.

Ms. Friedman asked if the CSB has a Facebook page. The committee responded that it does not.

- ✓ Chair Hermann reported that Scott McCaffrey from the Northern Virginia Sun Newspapers was present at the VHC forum. She added that Mr. McCaffrey reached out to her for additional information and that there is a possibility that an article may come out about the forum.

Upcoming Items for CSB Full Board Meeting on December 14, 2016

- ✓ CSB Staff recognition:
 - Evelyn Valentine, Human Services Specialist, Forensic Case Management
 - Dr. Lawrence Spont, Psychiatrist, Aging and Disability Services Division
- ✓ Chinomso Ememe, Residential Services Coordinator, will provide an Overview of Mental Health Contracts, Current Monitoring Processes and Future Decisions regarding the Mental Health Group Homes.

- ✓ Mr. Russell will provide a Group Home Report, if needed.
- ✓ Chair Hermann will ask if there are any updates from any CSB Ad Hoc Initiative Committee.

Adjournment

The Arlington County Community Services Board Executive Committee meeting was adjourned by Chair Hermann at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Mauller.