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ACCSB Chair

March 22, 2017
Sequoia III
2120 Washington Blvd. Room 112
Arlington, Virginia
7:00 pm – Full Board Meeting

Anita Friedman Interim
Executive Director

Present: Wayne Bert, Anne Hermann, Carol Skelly, Frank Haltiwanger, Judy Deane, Leslie Gosling, Asha Patton-Smith, Jenette O’Keefe, Brian Berke, Jarrod Nagurka

Present via Telephone: Atima O’Mara

Excused: Jay Ternent, Linda Kelleher, Shauna Alonge, Cherie Takemoto, Joanne Del Torro

Staff: Anita Friedman, Kelly Mauller, Oliver Russell

Public Comment(s)

Alex Soroko, Arlington resident and member of the Developmental Disabilities Committee, submitted a recommendation to the CSB requesting the creation of a Guardian of Last Resort Program (Refer to Handout). Mr. Soroko’s recommendation included information about condition, criteria, cause and effect of guardianship. Chair Hermann thanked Mr. Soroko. She noted that the CSB has already submitted their FY18 local budget priorities to the County Board Office.

Mr. Soroko provided contact information and clarified that he is attending only as a member of the community and the DD Committee.

CSB Staff Recognition Award

Courtney Nobles, Forensic Discharge Planner, Client Services Entry, was nominated to receive the March 22, 2017 staff recognition award. Kelly Nieman, Discharge Assistance Planning Supervisor, nominated and spoke about Ms. Nobles. Ms. Nieman commended Ms. Nobles on her work with clients. Ms. Nieman stated that Ms. Nobles also works with the BHD Forensic Team, Treatment on Wheels (TOW), Jail Mental Health, and hospitals, among others. Ms. Nieman spoke about Ms. Nobles on behalf of Grace Guerrero, Forensic Case Management Supervisor, who was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Guerrero message stated that Ms. Nobles is an essential additional to the team and a sharp professional who works effortlessly. Ms. Nobles stated that it is amazing to be a part of the Discharge Planning Team.

Presentation: Opioid Epidemic

Chair Hermann introduced Corporal Charles Bane, Arlington County Police Department. Corporal Bane presented about the current local and national opioid epidemic (Refer to Handout).

Corporal Bane provided statistical information from 2014 through present date.

- In 2015, there were 73 documented heroin and opioid incidents. In 2016, the number of incidents increased to 121; an increase of 66%.
- In 2015 there were 10 documented overdoses. In 2016, the number of incidents increased to 44; an increase of 340%.
- In 2015, there were 5 non-fatal documented overdoses. In 2016, the number of incidents increased to 33; an increase of 450%.
- In 2015, there were 4 fatal documented overdoses. In 2016, the number of incidents increased to 11; an increase of 175%.

Corporal Bane stated that the number of documented incidents has increased significantly in 2017.

- Last year, at this point in time, there were 22 total incidents and, so far this year, there are 24.
- Last year, at this point in time, there were 7 total overdoses and, so far this year, there are 14.
- Last year, at this point in time, there were 7 total non-fatal overdoses and, so far this year, there are 11.
- Last year, at this point in time, there were total 1 fatal overdoses and, so far this year, there are 3.

Corporal Bane provided an overview of Law Enforcements response to the opioid epidemic.

- A member of the Organized Crime Section/Drug Enforcement Unit (OCS/DEU) will respond to all overdose incidents both fatal and non-fatal
- OCS/DEU is notified of all heroin incidents that take place in Arlington County and provides follow-up support and investigation
- OCS/DEU will jointly be assigned to fatal overdoses with members of the ACPD Homicide/Robbery Section and will handle all drug leads regarding the investigation
- OCS/DEU continually collects and tracks data regarding heroin incidents that occur in Arlington
- Non-Law enforcement response is through public awareness and education

Corporal Bane provided an overview of prevention and recovery initiatives.

- Drug take back – some jurisdictions have partnered with pharmacies for collection and drug destruction. In October 2016, Arlington County collected 416 pounds of prescription drugs, the 6th highest in the Commonwealth as reported by the Virginia State Police.
- Collaboration with the Arlington Commonwealth Attorney’s Office and the court system to seek programs to be implemented with drug court regarding heroin/opioid offenders.
- Arlington County Sheriff’s Office treatment program.
- Engage in partnership with local rehabilitation services, DHS, Phoenix House, VHC, etc., to assist with placement of non-fatal overdose victims.
- Seek private resources/scholarships to assist with financial costs of recovery programs.
- Recruit volunteers/peers to respond to non-fatal overdoses and assist with program placement.

Mr. Soroko asked if the documented incidents, so far this year, were of juveniles or adults. Corporal Bane responded that the numbers for this year only include adult incidents.

Mr. Bert asked if individuals who live in Arlington receive treatment immediately or if they are placed on a waiting list. Corporal Bane responded that DHS has several means of placing individuals into rehabilitative facilities such as Phoenix House and through working with VHC and other hospitals.

Ms. Gosling asked if heroin is in the form of a pill. Corporal Bane responded that heroin comes in the form of a pill and is then broken down into a powder and smoked, inhaled through the nostril or injected into the body with a needle.

Ms. Deane asked if statistics are available on opiate addiction prior to the use of heroin. Corporal Bane responded that most likely treatment facilities would have those type of statistics.

Chair Hermann asked if the Police Department presents about opioid addictions at Arlington's middle and high schools. Corporal Bane responded that the Police Department has provided a drug awareness presentation in all of Arlington County schools.

Approval of the February 22, 2017 ACCSB Meeting Minutes

Chair Hermann called for a motion to approve the February 22, 2017 ACCSB Full Board meeting minutes. - Mr. Bert motioned to approve the minutes, Ms. O'Keefe seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with no corrections.

CSB Reporting Measures

Mr. Russell, Assistant BHC Division Chief, provided an update on CSB Reporting Measures (Refer to Handout). The report includes data on service volume (measured by month), access to services and engagement and compliance for the month of February. Mr. Russell added that the DHS Leadership team is working on standardizing reporting across all CSB programs. He also noted that BHD is working with MTM consultants to assist in moving forward with Same Day Access. The members discussed the report.

Ms. Deane asked if the report represents calendar days or business days. Mr. Russell responded that the calendar is reported in calendar days.

Ms. Deane asked if comparative data is available. Mr. Russell responded that BHD does not currently have comparative data for this type of reporting due to the newness of the process.

VHC: Certificate of Public Need (COPN) Public Hearing

Chair Hermann announced that the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia (HSANV) will hold a public hearing on the VHC Certificate of Public Need (COPN) application on April 3, 2017, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) conference room. NVRC is located at 3040 Williams Drive I Fairfax. VHC is applying for 100 additional Medical Surgical beds. Chair Hermann stated that Judy Deane will speak as representative for the entire CSB. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Chair Hermann.

The HSANV Board of Directors will consider the applications, the report of the hearing panel and any comments received at its April 10th meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend the hearings and to submit written comments by April 10th to HSANV. Comments may also be submitted via email at hsanv@aol.com.

Ms. Deane stated that the purpose of speaking at the COPN hearing is to have on public record, the community's desire for VHC to utilize any approved additional beds as psychiatric beds. Ms. Deane added that the County Board members, and possibly media, have been invited to attend the meeting.

County Board Budget Meetings

Chair Hermann reported that the members have met with all of the County Board members regarding the CSB's FY17 local budget recommendations. Chair Hermann added that she and Ms. Deane attended the Commissions budget meeting with the County Manager. It was noted that the County Manger has requested voluntary budget cuts across all of DHS.

The following members presented at the meetings:

February 28th

Wayne Bert
Frank Haltiwanger
Anne Hermann
Carol Skelly
Cherie Takemoto

March 3rd

Cherie Takemoto
Anne Hermann
Carol Skelly
Leslie Gosling

March 9th

Anne Hermann
Frank Haltiwanger
Leslie Gosling
Carol Skelly
Cherie Takemoto

Chair Hermann announced that DHS will present its budget recommendations to the County Board at a work session on March 24th. The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Ms. Hermann will attend and provide a 3-minute presentation about the CSB's recommendations.

County Board Budget Work Session: Public Budget and Tax Rate Hearings

Chair Hermann announced that the Public Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 28th and the Tax Rate(s) Public Hearing on Thursday, March 30th (Refer to Handout). Both hearings begin at 7:00 p.m., in County Board Room 307, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard.

An advanced sign-up registration procedure for both hearings, will be used again in 2016. Citizens will be able to sign-up in advance beginning at 8:00 am 5 days before each hearing date. Advanced sign-up will close at 5 pm the day of each hearing.

Chair Hermann stated that several members have signed up to speak at the budget hearing. Each person will have 2 minutes to speak. Ms. Deane will speak in favor of a tax increase at the tax hearing.

Group Home Report:

Mr. Russell stated that the Group Home reports will be deferred to the Executive Committee.

Report Out on ACCSB Retreat Initiatives

- ✓ Mr. Bert reported out about the Employment Committee.
 - Friends of Job Avenue Committee met with the Job Avenue Committee to discuss a new operating initiative. The Friends of Job Avenue Committee will act as an advisory panel for the Job Avenue Committee. Jose Campos, Job Avenue Supervisor, will present agenda items for discussion.
 - Additional individuals are needed on the Friends of Job Avenue Committee.
 - Discussed holding an Employment Forum with an emphasis on obtaining additional employers.
 - The employment placement goal for this year is 111 and has currently reached 87 placements. The percentage of placement among the applicants is 48%.
 - An RFP will be coming out for a 1FTE supported education position.
 - Supported employment referrals are increasing. 30 referrals were placed in January.
 - Collaboration with the Arlington Employment Center has increased.
 - There is a possibility to apply for a grant to pilot a mobile training program that utilizes an app on a smart phone.

Informational Items

- ✓ Brian Berke announced that he will resign his seat on the CSB full board as of May. He stated that he is being reassigned to the NOVA Regional Training Academy as the Deputy Director of Basic Training for new Arlington County Police recruits. On behalf of the board, Chair Hermann thank Mr. Berke for his service on the CSB.
- ✓ Chair Hermann thanked Ms. Skelly for her efforts with the Annual Proclamation Ceremony for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- ✓ Ms. Mauller reported that she has received several staff nominations for the CSB Annual June Awards Ceremony scheduled for June 21st. CSB members may nominate community partners or staff by sending Ms. Mauller an email by the due date of April 7th. The nominations will be reviewed at the April 10th Executive Committee meeting.
- ✓ Ms. Mauller asked the members to contact her if interested in attending the VACSB Training and Development Conference being held May 3rd through May 5th in Norfolk Virginia.
- ✓ Ms. Deane reported about the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC). CDCAC reviews grant requests, evaluates programs and makes recommendations to the County Board for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant and Community Services Block Grant (CDBG) funds (Refer to Handout). Ms. Deane stated that CDCAC has requested that a CSB member sit on the committee.

Adjournment

The Arlington County Community Services Full Board meeting was adjourned by Chair Hermann at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Mauller