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Community Services Board

Service Delivery Oversight Committee Virtual Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order 5:00 p.m.
 - Sheila Jonas and Garrett McGuire
2. Virtual Meeting Opening Statements
3. Review of the February 5, 2020 Draft Meeting Notes
4. Approval of the March 11, 2020 BHOC Draft Minutes
5. Matters of the Public
6. Service Delivery Oversight Committee Charter
7. Associate Member Reports, Updates, and Concerns
8. Staff Reports
9. Adjournment

CSB STAFF, PARTNER, AND COMMUNITY MEETING NOTES

FEBRUARY 5, 2020

The meeting was held at the Merrifield Center, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, VA.

CSB Board Members in Attendance: CSB Board Chair Bettina Lawton

Absent DD Committee members: Sheila Coplan Jonas and Nancy Scott, Co-Chairs; Daria Akers, Board Member

Partner Agency Representative in Attendance: Community Living Alternatives (CLA) Susan Keenan; CRI, Julie Dwyer-Allen; ECHO, Zanelle Nichols; Hartwood Foundation, Inc., Sean McGinnis Lutheran Family Services, Andrew Miller; MVLE, April Pinch-Keeler; Service Source, Ken Crum and ServiceSource Friends & Family, Dennis Brown and Stephen Toth; The Arc of Northern Virginia, Rikki Epstein

Staff in Attendance: Barbara Wadley-Young, CarLa Bryant, Randy Buckland, Evan Jones, Kevin Lafin, Michael T. Lane, Elizabeth McCartney, Sierra Simmons, Lyn Tomlinson, and Daryl Washington

Guests in Attendance: Sharon Denisar, Fairfax County Public Schools

1. Call to Order.

Attention was called at 5:00 p.m.

Directly prior to the meeting it was learned that no committee members were available to attend. As there was insufficient time to cancel the meeting CSB Board Chair Bettina Lawton attended on behalf of the absent members announcing that the meeting would be an informal meeting of CSB staff, partner agency representatives and community members to discuss matters of concern and interest, the highlights for which are listed below.

2. Proposed Merging of BHOC and DD Committees

Bettina Lawton, Lyn Tomlinson, Daryl Washington, and Barbara Wadley-Young provided an overview of the proposal to merge the Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health Oversight Committees. Highlights of the proposal included:

- Joint initiatives and overlap of healthcare integration and co-occurring disorders particularly related to crisis care services.
- Joint advocacy to promote interests with one collaborative voice.
- DMAS (Department of Medical Assistance Services) and DBHDS (Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services) are making efforts to provide supervision and supports based on level of care, addressing the co-occurring needs of the individual.

- The implementation of Behavioral Health Redesign addresses level of care and the related reimbursement rates. The models of care and reimbursement methods and rates clearly illustrate the integration of services, particularly in crisis services.
- There is anticipation that following implementation of STEP-VA, DBHDS will apply for an 1115 Waiver that provides flexibility to address specificity in needed services based on the need of the individual. It is likely that this will assist individuals with co-occurring disorders in behavioral health, substance use disorders, and/or developmental disabilities that is not addressed through typical waiver services.
- There will be accommodation of specialty discussions related to specific areas of interest or need, including breakout sessions, separation of groups following initial joint discussion.

Attendees were provided an opportunity for input on the proposal, which included:

- Rikki Epstein, recognizing some overlap, reported the Arc does not support this proposal. The primary concern is that DD concerns and issues may not receive balanced attention with behavioral health concerns should the committees and meetings merge.
- Ken Crum asked for the results of any discussion regarding the recurrence of a merged committee meeting. This discussion has not yet been introduced and will occur as the discussion of this proposal continues at future committee meetings.
- Dennis Brown expressed concern that merging the meetings may curtail the depth of information regularly discussed at the separate meetings.

3. Incorporation of Challenge Question

Lyn Tomlinson provided a brief overview of the proposal of identifying a Challenge Question for discussion at the committee meetings, clarifying the questions are submitted by the partner agencies. Recognizing the opportunity for increased input into common matters of concern, the response was mostly positive. Attendees were asked to submit suggestions during announcements at the end of the meeting.

4. Legislative Update

Elizabeth McCartney provided an update to current legislative activities noting that amendments to the budget will be released by the House and Senate on February 18th. This will offer a better idea of which amendments related to DD waiver slots and waiver rates are moving forward. There are numerous member requests addressing waiver slots and waiver rates, including amendments from Delegate Sickles and Senator Barker that would increase the number of Developmental Disability Waiver program slots by a total of 2,068 over the biennium. Delegate Sickles also introduced an amendment that would direct DMAS to annually update the rates for services provided through DD waivers and rebase rates on a four-year cycle. Contact Elizabeth if you would like information on the other member amendments related to DD waiver slots and waiver rates.

- **Supported Decision Making bills**

- *HB 1321* - Guardianship; supported decision making; continued to the 2021 session.

- *SB 585* - Guardianship; supported decision making; is on the Judiciary Docket for 2/5/2020.
- *SB 352* - Guardianship and conservatorship; supported decision-making alternative; is on the Judiciary Docket for 2/5/2020.
- **Autism-related bills**
 - *HB 1503* - Health insurance; coverage for autism spectrum disorder. This bill passed out of the House.
 - *SB 1031* - Health insurance; coverage for autism spectrum disorder, individual and small group markets. This bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor.
 - *SB 177* - Autism Advisory Council; extends sunset provision. This bill passed out of the Senate.
 - *HB 65* - Virginia Missing Child with Autism Alert Program; established. This bill has been reported from Public Safety (22-Y 0-N).
- **CSB funding bill - *HB 589*** - Community services boards; funding formula, population and need. This bill was struck by the patron.
- **Other bills**
 - *HB 1078* - Virginia Public Procurement Act; process for competitive negotiation, etc. This bill would expand employment opportunities for Virginians with disabilities. This bill passed out of the House.
 - *SB 213* - Personal Maintenance Allowance; DMAS to establish work group to evaluate current amount. This bill passed out of the Senate.
 - *SB 482* - Developmental Disabilities Mortality Review Committee; created report. This bill passed out of the Senate.
 - *HB 1273* - Organ, eye, or tissue transplantation; discrimination prohibited. This bill would prevent discrimination against people with DD receiving organ donations. This bill passed out of the House.

Contact Elizabeth at Elizabeth.McCartney@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-5257 for more information on the other member amendments related to DD waiver slots and waiver rates.

5. Staff and Agency Updates

Daryl Washington provided an update to a recent incident involving an employee of a contract partner, confirming the ongoing police investigation. CSB responses include ensuring safety of individuals placed at Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

Evan Jones provided an update to Employment & Day (E&D) services, some highlights of which are:

- There are currently (approximately) 1535 individuals receiving E&D services, with approximately 160 in Self Directed Services. Support Coordination and E&D staff are preparing for the placement of the June 2020 special education graduates, of which

there are currently about 130, noting this number fluctuates as graduation approaches.

- Following efforts initiated two years prior by previous CSB Board member Lori Stillman and continued by CSB staff Kevin Lafin, a new vendor has contracted to provide Group Supported Employment. Opportunities for employment include a day care facility, a commercial grade kitchen and coffee shop, as well as some seasonal landscaping opportunities.
- Requests for referrals to hire, typically one or two, individuals with disabilities are typically referred to contract agencies including DARS (Department of Aging and Rehabilitation) as the CSB does not offer direct placement. However, a recent inquiry from Home Depot to hire 80 individuals resulted in CSB staff working with DARS (Department of Aging and Rehabilitation) to schedule a hiring event at the Home Depot on Fairfax Blvd. in Fairfax on Friday, February 14th at which the individuals will be interviewed and hired at the event. Flyers were distributed with a request to further distribute the information.
- The next scheduled WIN (Welcoming Inclusion Network) Stakeholders Group meeting is Monday, March 16, 2020 from 6:30 pm. – 8:00 p.m. at the Government Center, Room 9/10, noting the WIN recommendations will be reviewed. Attendance was encouraged.
- Kevin Lafin provided a brief overview of the MOST (Meaningful Opportunities for Successful Transitions) program located in Fairfax and is operated by Jewish Foundation of Group Homes providing a one-year individualized program of activities and training designed to facilitate successful transition into the adult community including employment. MOST will soon be opening a second location in Loudoun County noting that two of the June 2020 special education graduates are scheduled for placement at this location.

Randy Buckland, Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office provided an update to recent activities that included:

- Due to the realignment of the Region 2 Developmental Services returning the North Western CSB, Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB and Rappahannock Area CSB have been reassigned back to Region 1, the Regional Office is working with the vendor and in the contract process of the services to the Region.
- The Adult Crisis Therapeutic Home (CTH) in Manassas has four guests, the first time the home has not been at full capacity. This is attributed to the Adult Transitional Home accepting guests who have no dispositions for securing stable housing. The Manassas CTH has two individuals who are pending as a step down from NVMHI (Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute).
- The Adult Transitional Home has three admissions presently with none pending. Of those three, one is connected to the Fairfax- Falls Church CSB.
- Licensure is pending for the Youth Crisis Therapeutic Home. The last of the personnel records are with the Department of Licensure; a reply is anticipated this week that is

expected to approve sufficient staff to be able to open the home with partial capacity. The workforce market is very challenging in the Culpeper area and causing the vendor to have difficulties with recruitment in the Culpeper homes.

- The ID/D Clinic is going well with the grant. Referrals for should be forwarded to the Support Coordinator who will then make the referral to the Clinic.

CarLa Bryant

- Efforts are underway to prepare for the anticipated DOJ hearing results.

Barbara Wadley-Young provided an update reporting that the CSB is communicating with DBHDS, as a region, and on a case-by-case basis about the need for a more comprehensive, systemic approach to support individuals with DD and other co-occurring service needs. Noting the increasing challenge in securing appropriate residential services, as enhanced provider development is essential. Additionally, the CSB needs targeted training and supports, beyond that which is currently available, for individuals with DD and Behavioral Health and complex medical needs, recognizing the significant barriers in coordinating efforts across courts, jails, state hospitals, crisis and other treatment services.

Sierra Simmons reported attending the recent VACSB (Virginia Association of Community Services Boards) January conference. It was learned that there are functionality changes planned for the DD waiver data management system WAMs (Virginia Waiver Management System) to be effective July 1, 2020.

Ms. Simmons further provided an update to the Community Resource Consultant (CRC structure). Noting that there had been one Fairfax representative, the structure now offers resources for issues across the Region related to 1) providers, 2) system, and 3) individuals.

Additional updates provided included:

Lyn Tomlinson and Daryl Washington distributed a handout detailing the Board of Supervisors decision to rename the Merrifield Center to include the name of retired Board of Supervisor Sharon Bulova in Spring 2020. It was clarified that there may still be efforts to follow through on previous discussion to rebrand the Merrifield Center with a descriptive title that reflects the services provided at Merrifield. Recommendations and suggestions should be forwarded to the CSB.

The meeting ended at 5:55 p.m.

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
Behavioral Health Oversight Committee
March 11, 2020

The Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met in regular session at the Merrifield Center, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, VA, Room 3-314, West

Committee Members in Attendance: Committee Chair, Diane Tuininga; CSB Board Member Captain Derek DeGeare; and CSB Board Member, Garrett McGuire

Committee Members absent: CSB Board Member Daria Akers

Associate Members in Attendance: Peter Clark, No. VA. Mental Health Foundation (NVMHF); Joe Getch, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (PRS); Lauren Goldschmidt, ServiceSource; Kristine Konen, NAMI Northern Virginia; Gloria Kozich, the Brain Foundation; Heather Peck, Laurie Mitchell Empowerment Career Center (LMECC); Azim Ross, Gateway Homes; Bill Taylor and Joe Pettit, Concerned Fairfax; Eleanor Vincent, Pathway Homes, Inc.

Staff in Attendance: Georgia Bachman, Asst. Deputy Acute & Therapeutic Treatment Services; Scott Carter, Behavioral Health Manager; Marissa Fariña-Morse, Service Director Diversion First; David Simmons, Supportive Community Residential Services; Mike Suppa, Residential and Facilities Development Manager; and Lyn Tomlinson, Deputy Dir. Clinical Services

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
Diane Tuininga convened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Opening Remarks, Introductions, and Announcements**
Committee and Associate Members as well as staff and members of the public were welcomed, following which introductions, including staff position or agency affiliation, were offered.
3. **Approval of the Minutes**
Acknowledging that no recommendations were forthcoming, Captain DeGeare made a motion to approve the February 12, 2020 minutes as presented, which was seconded and approved.
4. **Matters of the Public**
None were presented.
5. **Specialty Courts and Dockets**
Marissa Farina-Morse and Scott Carter provided an overview of the specialty courts and dockets, including a review of the handout provided in the meeting materials. Referrals to the treatment dockets come from the individual's attorney or the Commonwealth Attorney.
The typical length of the program until graduation is 12 to 18 months. If an individual exits the program or is terminated prior to graduation, they reenter the conventional

court system at the same point in the process at which they left. It was noted that the first Dug Court Graduation is scheduled for April 2, 2020.

It was emphasized that these courts/dockets are very collaborative with the judge engaging the involved parties to determine next steps for the individual. It was further noted that peer support is utilized, acknowledging that mentors with military experience are matched in the Veterans Docket.

The Supervised Release Docket manages individuals, pre-screened by probation to identify mental illness/substance use disorders, deemed eligible for treatment instead of incarceration at the pre-trial stage with a goal of successful completion resulting in a dismissal of charges.

Acknowledging that efforts at involvement with the specialty courts must be made by an individual's attorney, email addresses for the docket coordinators may be helpful, and will be forwarded to the partners and Associate Members.

As these processes are somewhat new, efforts are underway to collect data for eventual publication.

6. Associate Member Reports, Updates, and Concerns

Diane Tuininga opened the floor to Associate Members, information provided included the following:

- *Gloria Kozich*: A new president has been hired, Dallison Veach. Founder Trudy Harsh has left the hospital and is recovering well. The Brain Foundation was established in 2003 and currently operates 9 homes. There is a current reorganization and they are currently seeking 'house reps', described as an individual who maintains a home. The 2020 fundraiser is scheduled for May 30, 2020 at Maggiano's in Tysons Corner.
- *Lauren Goldschmidt*: the scheduled April 2020 events have been canceled. DARS (Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services) and DBHDS (Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services) and IPS (Individual Placement and Supports)
- *Joe Getch*: distributed a Save the Date for the Spring fundraiser 'Springtopia', May 16, 2020. A reminder was offered that this event would also be a farewell to retired President Wendy Gradison.
- *Eleanor Vincent*: announced the Annual Breakfast is currently scheduled for May 7, 2020.
- *Heather Peck*: additional information was provided on the IPS (Individual Supported Employment) including advocacy to have this service and peer support services approved for Medicaid reimbursement.
- *Bill Taylor*: provided an update to the Spring 2020 Osher Lifelong Learning mental health classes, noting a smaller enrollment than hoped. A review of enrollments will continue, with the possibility of canceling the classes.
- *Azim Ross*: notes ongoing monitoring and preparations for the anticipated impact of the Coronavirus.

7. Challenge Question: Housing Follow up

David Simmons and Mike Suppa provided an overview of current CSB housing needs, placements and availability, directing attention to handouts included in the meeting materials. Referring to the charts, Mr. Simmons confirmed that the left chart reflected the housing needs of CSB clients following completion of the housing needs assessment. It was noted the second

page provided a definition of each of the housing types listed in the left-side chart. The right-side chart provided a snapshot of the CSB placements, noting that additional housing is accessible through contract partners. It was clarified that the housing needs include homeless and those housed but in need of a different level of care.

A reminder was offered that County Executive Bryan Hill recently proposed merging the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) with the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

8. Proposed Merging of Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health Oversight Committee Meetings

Diane Tuininga offered a reminder of the ongoing discussion of possibly merging the Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health Oversight Committee meetings. Following engaged discussion, it was determined that a joint meeting will be piloted on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. CSB staff and chairs of both Committees will collaborate on the agenda, noting that continued design of the joint meeting will be monitored and refined at subsequent meetings by the Committee and Associate Members.

9. Staff Reports

Lyn Tomlinson, distributing a handout, provided an update to county efforts related to the Coronavirus; highlights included:

- Weekly meetings with the Health Department. Today's briefing included advice to not cancel any programs and notice of a Call Center number that will be forwarded to the members. Additionally, the number for text updates will be distributed. The use of surgical masks was approved, noting the lack of available N95 masks.
- Screening of clients and visitors at entry includes asking if the individual has 1) a dry cough, 2) a fever, 3) shortness of breath, and 4) travelled to any from a list of five identified countries. Telephonic outreach to clients prior to visits has been implemented. Efforts to increase telework opportunities are underway. Additionally,
- A flyer for entryways was distributed with encouragement for attendees to post copies in their facilities.
- Attendees were encouraged to visit the county website as needed for the most current information.
- The County Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Actions Taken –

- Approval of the February 12th Committee meeting minutes was tabled due to the lack of a quorum.

Date Approved

Clerk to the Board

CSB Board Service Delivery Oversight Committee Charter

Mission:

The Service Delivery Oversight Committee (SDOC) focuses on all intellectual and developmental disabilities, substance use disorder, and mental health services, programs, and policies of the CSB. The Committee works closely with CSB leadership and staff to ensure that individuals in these communities are empowered to lead meaningful, self-directed lives with the supports and services they need. The Committee assists the CSB board in meeting its responsibilities as outlined in the Code of Virginia.

Committee Composition:

The SDOC is a standing committee of the CSB. It is comprised of a chair, board members appointed by the CSB Chair, and associate members including self-advocates, families, representatives of populations served, organizations whose work and knowledge are important to the work of the Committee and other stakeholders. Associate members are nominated annually by members of the SDOC and confirmed by the full CSB Board. The chair of the SDOC will serve on the CSB Executive Committee.

Responsibilities and Duties:

Advocacy:

- Advocate for services and programs that promote empowerment, inclusion, independence, integration, prevention, recovery, self-determination, and treatment.
- Collaborate with relevant public/private boards and councils at state and local levels, businesses, faith-based entities, and service providers to attain adequate and sustainable resources for a continuum of services that will meet the needs of a diverse population.

Education/Outreach:

- Increase awareness and understanding of CSB services and programs to the CSB Board and throughout the state and local communities.
- Sustain and promote expansion of the community network.
- Actively seek information from self-advocates, families, and community partners regarding the service system and provide a public forum for discussion.

Oversight: Provide oversight of CSB programs and the provision of services.

- Review and evaluate public and private services and facilities that receive funds from the CSB and make recommendations to the CSB Executive Committee and Board based on its findings.
- Provide policy guidance to the CSB Board to include reviewing relevant draft policies and recommending additional policies.
- Review and make recommendations to the CSB Executive Committee and Board regarding policies, plans, service delivery proposals, budgets, grants, and other matters affecting the relevant communities.

Outcomes:

The CSB Board is timely informed of pertinent issues related to service provision and programs.

Board level decisions and governance regarding programs, policies, services, and funding are enhanced.

Service Delivery Oversight Committee Associate Member Nominations

1. Arc of Northern Virginia, The
2. Career Support Systems, Inc.
3. Community Living Alternatives
4. Concerned Fairfax
5. CRi
6. ECHO
7. Employment Advocates Group
8. enCircle (originally Lutheran Family Services of VA, Inc.)
9. Hartwood Foundation
10. Kahak Health Care Services
11. Langley Residential Support Svcs
12. Laurie Mitchell Empowerment & Career Center
13. MVLE
14. National Counseling Group
15. Neighborhood Health
16. No. VA. Mental Health Foundation
17. NW Center for Community Mental Health Advisory Board
18. Pathway Homes, Inc.
19. PRS, Inc.
20. R.A. Quarshie Healthcare LLC
21. Resources for Independence of Virginia., Inc.
22. SD Carter Enterprises, LLC
23. Second Story
24. ServiceSource, Inc.