

**Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board  
Government and Community Relations Committee  
March 3, 2003**

The Government and Community Relations Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met in regular session at the Alcohol and Drug Services Administrative office on Jermantown Road, Suite 201, Fairfax.

Committee members present: Jessica Burmester, Charles Fletcher, Ben Pepper, and Dave Redman

CSB Staff present: James Thur, Ruth Gerbec

1. **Meeting Called to Order**

Ben Pepper called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Chairman Anngie Johnson was on business travel.

2. **Approval of February Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

3. **Action Item Status**

The committee reviewed the Action Tracking System chart. The committee discussed having the Advocacy Handbook due date in June. Also the committee recommended adding the Annual Report to the Chart for future discussion on theme for the next Annual Report.

**ACTION:** Ruth will make the above mentioned amendments to the Action Tracking System chart.

4. **Community Relations/General Discussion**

Ruth gave an update on the Stephen Ministry meeting. The meeting that was snowed out on Feb. 18 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 18. CSB staff person, Margaret Kollay will participate on the panel discussion. Ruth notified Dr. Fletcher and Anngie Johnson of the new date. Both of them will try to attend the meeting.

Ruth gave an update of the CSB video project. The Government and Community Relations committee members have been notified of the video planning meetings. Ruth reported on the program membership of the Video Planning Committee.

Ruth distributed a draft of the Speakers Bureau directory. There was discussion on the title, "Presentation Topics" or Speakers Bureau Directory. Some of the topics and write-ups will be rewritten.

**ACTION:** Ruth will rewrite/draft some of the write-ups.

Ben Pepper reported on his contact with the Northern Virginia Roundtable. The CSB has been invited to its May 22 meeting. Jim Thur will contact Mr. Dyke to get a sense of what a good topic may be to discuss at the May meeting.

Discussion on the Core Services document was deferred at this time.

Laura Yager reported on the April 2 Great American Smokeout/Kick Butts Day activities. The Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation will have PSAs, etc. out to include the movie theatre screen commercials. She also reported on the planning to date for the SAAW.

## 5. **Government Relations**

### **Local Level**

Board members are to make appointments with their Board of Supervisor. Jim reported that staff is finalizing a County budget summary handout that Board members will be able to use for their discussions with their elected officials.

Jessica reported that she and Kevin Bell were guests on Supervisor Hudgins cable TV show and discussed the human services budget impact. Supervisor Hudgins is also convening two community Town Meetings in March to discuss the County budget situation. The County is convening two budget workshops for citizens. Consumers and families should be informed of these workshops. Ben will provide all this information and dates and times at the CSB Board meeting on Wednesday. **ACTION:** Ruth will provide Ben with the information needed for his announcements at the Board meeting.

The City of Fairfax would like to have the Annual Report presented at their next March meeting. Jessica, Jim Thur and Jerry Shapiro will participate. Ruth has not heard back yet from the City of Falls Church and will follow up with them.

The CSB will be presenting its budget issues at the next Human Services Council meeting.

Jim Thur reported on the Northern Virginia Regional Partnership Planning Project. There will be two Community meetings scheduled, one in the South County area and one in the North County area. They will be held in the evening or on a Saturday and a Board member will be asked to serve as the host of the meeting. Staff has been meeting with consumers and private vendors in planning for this event. Dave Redman would like to receive the minutes, etc. for this partnership steering committee.

ACTION: Ruth will have Dave Redman added to the Regional Partnership Project distribution list.

**State Level**

Jim Thur reported on the FY 2004 Initiatives. At the May VACSB conference the Federal initiatives, will be discussed. The FY 2005 State budget initiatives will be out in July.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.