

**Northern Virginia Regional Partnership Planning Project  
Steering Committee Meeting – Draft Notes  
June 2, 2004**

In Attendance:

Jane Anthony, NVTC Parent/PAIR  
Roger Biraben, Loudoun CSB  
Ray Bridge, NVMHCA  
Jessica Burmester, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB  
(Board Member)  
Lynn DeLacy, NVMHI  
Mark Diorio, NVTC  
Joan Durman, Consultant  
Tom Geib, Prince William CSB  
Mike Gilmore, Alexandria CSB  
Amanda Goza, NVMHI  
Wendy Gradison, PRS, Inc.

Joe Hinshaw, NVMHI Advisory Council  
Sharon Jones, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB  
Leslie Katz, NVTC  
Cindy Kemp, Arlington CSB  
Cathy Pumphrey, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB  
Lou Rosato, NVMHI  
Debra Schultz, Loudoun CSB  
Richard Spector, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB  
Jim Thur, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB  
Carol Ulrich, NAMI-Northern Virginia  
Leslie Weisman, Arlington CSB  
Alan Wooten, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB

Jim Thur welcomed the group and introductions were made.

1. Approval of Notes from April Meeting

The notes of the April 21, 2004 meeting were accepted as presented, with one clarification to the update on the MR/MI Work Group.

2. Announcements

- Jim Thur noted that a rally for federal mental health parity was scheduled for June 10 in Washington DC.
- Jim Thur noted that the Governor's Conference on "Covering the Uninsured" was scheduled for June 6 and 7 at the Lansdowne Conference Center.
- Jim Thur noted that new State funding is available for adults with mental illness. Guidance was recently received on the allocation process for the funds, which will focus on regional efforts. The funds will be awarded following a competitive process and there are two categories: discharge assistance and PACT. Jim indicated the DAD Coordinating Committee is developing proposals on these items with the Partnership's work in mind. Sharon Jones indicated that the Coordinating Committee would be meeting to review the population at the Institute and determine if they can be served in the community. They will focus particularly on the persons on the Extraordinary Barriers list.
- Jane Anthony reported that she and Ray Bridge are on the Olmstead Advisory Board and the plan implementation is ongoing. She noted there will be public hearings in July on the plan's implementation. Jane also indicated the full plan will be available online at [www.olmsteadva.com](http://www.olmsteadva.com) and urged group members to provide any feedback to her or Ray.
- Jane Anthony announced that she is serving on the board of "Celebrate Special Children," a resource guide for parents of children with disabilities, along with Delegate Ken Plum. Jane

also passed around the current edition of the guide and pointed out articles on the Training Center, Olmstead and advocacy.

- Lynn DeLacy reported that the Institute held its first “Family Day” which was very successful. Lynn noted the hard work of Lou Rosato and the other staff who helped make the event meaningful.
- Lynn DeLacy noted a conference scheduled for June 15-16 in Richmond regarding the use of seclusion/restraint.

### 3. Updates:

- Mental Health Work Group – Leslie Weisman reported that the Mental Health work group was scheduled to meet on June 9.
- MR/MI Work Group – Mark Diorio indicated that the group met on May 3 and worked on establishing priorities for inclusion in the final report. He also reported that he’s received calls from around the country regarding the group’s work. Mark noted the group’s next meeting was scheduled for June 23 where they will review the draft of the final report.
- Private Psychiatric Work Group – Lynn DeLacy reported that the May 19 meeting included some lively discussions regarding concern about bed accessibility, service capacity and discharge planning from private hospitals. A subgroup was formed and will be reporting back to the full group on those issues. Joan Durman reported that Amanda Goza and Lou Rosato reviewed the data collected in the survey of hospitals. Lynn indicated the data needs to be reviewed further, narrative should be added and a plan needs to be developed; Lynn suggested the Mental Health Work Group take on this task.
- Structural Work Group
  - Cindy Kemp distributed a handout on the latest edition of the proposed structure for the regional partnership and the role of the Coordinating Committee was discussed and revised.
  - Ray Bridge asked if any state funding was available for the next year of the project and Jim Thur replied that \$50,000 has been allocated to each planning area of the state. Ray also asked if some of that funding could be used for consumer involvement and Jim replied that it could be, at the discretion of the Steering Committee.
  - Jim Thur indicated the work plan would be reviewed in July.
- Other Work Groups – Jim Thur reported the regional Training and Quality Management groups have begun to meet. Cathy Pumphrey reported one item the Information Technology group is exploring is technology related to discharge planning. Jim noted there is some overlap in the tasks of these three groups and they are each looking for guidance on how to proceed. He suggested the NVRSPS Coordinating Committee review this issue.
- Utilization Management/Discharge Planning Work Group – No report.

### 4. Outline and Process for Community Forums and Consumer Focus Groups

Joan Durman reviewed draft brochures on the June 26 community forum and the description of the Partnership’s first year, noting the materials will be distributed around the region and will be sent to persons who register for the forum. The group also discussed the proposed agenda for the

forum provided feedback. Joan was to incorporate suggested changes. Roger Biraben noted the importance of informing participants of the outcome of the forum.

5. Preliminary Review of Recommendations for August 2004 Report

Jim Thur indicated that the August 2004 report and next year's work plan will need to be approved during the July meetings. Jim indicated a draft report will be e-mailed to the group for review prior to the next meeting.

6. Other Business – There was no other business.

Next Meeting:

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2004 at the Fairfax County Government Center in Conference Rooms 9/10.

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