

Northern Virginia Regional Partnership Steering Committee Meeting June 26, 2003

Attendees:

Jane Anthony, NVTC/PAIR/VOR Parent
George Barker, HSANV
Mary Ann Beale, NVMHCA
Ray Bridge, Laurie Mitchell Emp. Center
Jessica Burmester, FFC-CSB
Lynn DeLacy, NVMHI
Deborah Dodge, NWMHC Advisory Board
Joan Durman, Durman Associates
Mike Gilmore, Alexandria CSB
Amanda Goza, NVMHI
Nita Grignol, VACSB
Doug James, DRS
Sharon Jones, FFC-CSB

Leslie Katz, NVTC
Henriette Kellum, Arlington CSB
Edwin H. Kline, Sr.
Bob Lassiter, Loudoun CSB
Lisa Madron, PWCCSB/MH Council
Lou Rosato, NVMHI
Joel Rothenburg, DMHMRSAS
Karen Tefelski, VaACCSES
Jim Thur, FFC-CSB
Carol Ulrich, NAMI-NoVa
Leslie Weisman, Arlington CSB
L. William Yolton, NAMI-NoVa

The notes of May 15, 2003 were accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jim Thur introduced Nita Grignol, a member of the Henrico CSB and Chair of the VACSB.
- On behalf of Wendy Gradison from PRS, who was unable to attend, Jim Thur announced that there will be a special meeting of Mental Health Adult Services Contractors on July 21 where a project briefing will be conducted and feedback will be solicited.
- Lynn DeLacy reported that she attended a meeting in Richmond on the Regional Projects. Discussion centered on changes needed in the State Code, inviting General Assembly members to meetings, the need for regional utilization reviews, and the need to expand family and consumer involvement in the process. Several specialty sub-groups were formed, including children/adolescent services, mental retardation services, substance abuse services, gero-psychiatric services, and forensic services. Volunteers are needed for each of these groups and interested parties should contact Lynn. Several persons who were present indicated their interest in specific groups. Others asked for information on the time commitment involved and Lynn indicated she would forward that information to the group.

REVIEW OF FORMAT AND OUTLINE OF INITIAL REPORT

Jim Thur and Joan Durman reviewed the proposed format for the initial report of the workgroup. Joan indicated that:

- Section I – the Executive Summary would be completed last
- Section II – John Morrow has already completed the Background section
- Section III – review of planning process
- Section IV – will include a variety of data, census and utilization information; Joan already has this information collected. It was suggested and the group agreed that this section be moved to the end of the report. Reverend Bill Yolton asked if data will be included for persons who are incarcerated, and Jim responded that this will be included in Phase II of the

project since that data has not been collected yet. Jessica Burmester asked about data on persons with both MR/MI; this data might be collected during Phase II.

- Section V – Joan noted that for each work group, there will be sections on their process, issues, progress and next steps. It was suggested that item 6 (Private Provider Network) be moved up in the report. Jessica Burmester asked if there would be a focus on dual diagnosis anywhere in the report and Jim replied that it will be mentioned in this report and will be studied more closely in Phase II.

Other comments/discussions:

- Reverend Bill Yolton and Mary Ann Beall asked if any information will be included on consumer leadership training, and Jim Thur replied that they should write up some information within the next two weeks and submit it for consideration at the next meeting.
- Joan Durman asked if the group approved the report outline in general terms and the group agreed.
- Jim Thur indicated that the rough draft of the report would be available via e-mail a day or two prior to the next Steering Committee meeting, which is scheduled for July 31. An editorial group consisting of Jim Thur, Joan Durman, Lynn DeLacy, Leslie Weisman, Sharon Jones and Mary Ann Beall will review the draft document prior to its distribution. The group also confirmed that this report focuses on the needs of adult persons with serious mental illness.

UPDATES FROM WORK GROUPS

Mental Health:

- Leslie Weisman reported that the group had a work session on June 5 to identify issues and begin focusing on Phase II of the project. Leslie indicated that at the June 11 Psychiatric Hospitals work group meeting, there was a more concrete discussion about collaboration which will continue at the July 21 meeting, to which discharge planners/aftercare coordinators have been invited.
 - Leslie reported that the DAD Coordinating Committee met on June 12 and discussed the unspent private bed purchase dollars as well as the new allocations. Leslie indicated that the group reviewed the proposed DAD reinvestment initiative which would designate the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB as the temporary fiscal agent for private bed purchase and discharge assistance dollars, until a regional entity can be identified. Jim Thur explained that the new initiative only changes the fiscal entity, it does not change the utilization process. Reverend Bill Yolton commented that he sees no oversight or accountability for PACT teams to hold them to CMS standards. Jim Thur replied that this issue can be looked at in Phase II.

Structural:

- Bob Lassiter briefly reviewed the Interim Report for the Structural Work Group. Sharon Jones asked that information be added to item 12 regarding the regional emergency meetings which have been occurring. Reverend Yolton asked that the utilization of natural supports (such as clergy) be included as a potential area of collaboration. Jim Thur responded that this is a component of the Recovery Model, and it is an issue that can be looked at more closely in Phase II.
- A discussion about the spending of regional funds was added to the “to do list” for the group.
- Mary Ann Beall observed that transportation is an issue that should also be looked at. Jim Thur replied that for meetings such as the partnership work groups, if consumers are

interested in attending, CSBs can make arrangements to provide transportation. Jim also added that this is an option for regular meetings of all the CSBs as well, and each agency can arrange for transportation to their meetings as well.

Private Psychiatric Hospitals:

- In addition to the report provided by Leslie Weisman, Lynn DeLacy reported that at the June 11 meeting, there was a discussion with the private providers regarding CSB clients in the emergency rooms and persons received from the jail.

REVIEW OF REVISED DRAFT VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Doug James from DRS provided a handout with information on a grant opportunity from the US Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy through the “Working for Freedom, Opportunity and Real Choice through Community Employment (WorkFORCE)” grant initiative. The grant submission must include a letter from the Governor stating that the proposed grant activities will be regarded as an official demonstration program playing a vital role in the state’s Olmstead employment implementation efforts. The target population for the grant would be persons with disabilities who are either unemployed or underemployed and meet other specific guidelines. A group including Service Source, Virginia ACCSES, the Laurie Mitchell Employment Center and others asked for a letter of support from the Partnership on their grant application. Virginia ACCSES will be the grant applicant, and if awarded the one-year grant will have an October 1 start date with four options years with decreased funding each year. If awarded, the grant would require the formation of an Executive Management Council, which Lynn DeLacy was asked to serve on; a CSB Executive Director is also needed for that group. The grant would cover Loudoun, Prince William, Fairfax and Falls Church as well as clients from other jurisdictions currently in the Institute. There was concern about the group endorsing a grant application since it is not a legal entity, as well as the potential financial implications. Mary Ann Beall moved that the group endorse the grant application, with the notation that the Regional Partnership Project is not a legal entity. The Steering Committee approved endorsement of the grant application and applauded the effort to pursue this opportunity. A representative from Virginia ACCSES will contact each CSB.
- Using the Most Appropriate Terminology in the Report – Mike Gilmore indicated that the IAPSRs guidelines will be used in writing the report.

NEXT MEETING

To allow time for the preparation of the draft report, the next Steering Committee meeting was moved from July 24 to Thursday, July 31, at 9:30 a.m. in Rooms 2/3 of the Fairfax County Government Center.