

**Northern Virginia Regional Strategic Planning Project  
Steering Committee Meeting – Draft Notes  
July 28, 2004**

In Attendance:

Jane Anthony, NVTC Parent/PAIR	Tom Geib, Prince William CSB
JoEllen Armstrong, Snowden	Mike Gilmore, Alexandria CSB
George Barker, HSANV	Amanda Goza, NVMHI
Allen Berenson, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB	Wendy Gradison, PRS, Inc.
Christy Cacciapaglia, Western State Hospital	Jim Kelly, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB
Alan Cale, Western State Hospital	Cindy Kemp, Arlington CSB
Jim Dee, Private Practice	Edwin H. Kline, Sr., NVMHI
Lynn DeLacy, NVMHI	Cathy Pumphrey, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB
Mark Diorio, NVTC	Lou Rosato, NVMHI
Joan Durman, Consultant	Richard Spector, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB
Chris Fensterle, Snowden	Jim Thur, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB
Erin Finney, NAMI-Northern Virginia	Carol Ulrich, NAMI-Northern Virginia
Jeanie Furnari, Loudoun CSB	Leslie Weisman, Arlington CSB

Jim Thur welcomed the group and introductions were made.

1. Approval of Notes from June Meeting

The notes of the June 2, 2004 meeting were not reviewed.

2. Announcements

- Jim Thur distributed a handout of the draft VACSB Budget Priorities for FY 2004-2006.
- Jim Thur indicated that the new regional mental health funding for the Discharge Assistance Program totals \$600,000 for FY 2005 and \$300,000 for FY 2006. This funding is for individual service plans for discharging persons in State facilities. The State has estimated that ten persons in the Northern Virginia region can be served in FY 2005.
- Carol Ulrich announced that this year's Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for December 3 and Jim Stewart, Inspector General for the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services will be the keynote speaker.
- Jane Anthony was pleased to announce that Celebrating Special Children has received certified 501(C)3 non-profit status. The next issue of the group's magazine will be coming out this fall for the Tidewater. Jane indicated that Delegate Plum, who is on the group's Board, would like this resource to be Internet-based.
- Mark Diorio distributed copies of a draft brochure titled "Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness" which has been designed for use as an education/awareness tool. Mark asked if there were regional funds which could be used for printing of the brochure and Jim Thur responded that there were. Jim encouraged Mark to work with Mental Health staff on the brochure prior to a final printing.

3. Review of Draft August 2004 Report

Jim Thur explained the bulk of the meeting would be spent reviewing the draft outline of the Partnership's report to the Commissioner of DMHMRSAS. He indicated the report will contain high level policy issues which can be addressed at the State level, rather than matters which can be handled at the regional CSB level. He added that an extension has been received and the report is now due August 13. Joan Durman asked the group to provide her with proposed language for any revisions to the draft and reviewed the document in total. The draft was developed based on the outline required by DMHMRSAS. Joan also drew the group's attention to the issues discussed at the consumer focus groups and the community forum. The draft report will be e-mailed to the Steering Committee around August 2 and feedback should be provided directly to Joan. Joan will make changes if appropriate and will also compile a complete listing of the comments which will be reviewed at a later date.

4. Review of Communications Structure and Work Plan – Jim Thur briefly reviewed a proposed communication structure for the Partnership and a draft format for tracking outcomes during the 2004/2005 planning cycle. Jim asked that each committee listed in the work schedule provide him with information to complete the document.

5. Other Business – There was no other business.

Next Meeting:

The next Steering Committee meeting was not scheduled.

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