

**Northern Virginia Regional Partnership Planning Project
Structural Work Group – Meeting Notes
December 11, 2003**

In Attendance:

Jessica Burmester, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB
Lynn DeLacy, NVMHI
Joan Durman
Tom Geib, Prince William CSB

Mike Gilmore, Alexandria CSB
Cindy Kemp, Arlington CSB
Bob Lassiter, Loudoun CSB
Jim Thur, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB

1. Approval of November 7, 2003 Minutes

The November 7, 2003 meeting notes were accepted.

2. Update on Newly Formed Committees

Jim Thur reported that Fairfax CSB staff will convene the initial meetings on the IT, Training, and QA/QI issues after the holidays.

3. Review Work Plan Item #5 - Center for Excellence

Lynn DeLacy indicated that preliminary work has been done on this issue, and a brown bag lunch will possibly be held after the holidays. The topic for the training would be managing aggressive behavior, and staff will involve stakeholders, including regional CSB staff in the process. Ms. DeLacy asked that each CSB provide her with a contact regarding managing aggressive behavior. Other possible topics which have been suggested for a Center for Excellence are the recovery model, dual diagnosis and geriatrics. The recovery model and dual diagnosis items would fall under the Mental Health Work Group.

4. Discuss and determine structure to review activities of groups

Jim Thur briefly reviewed the chart on “Analysis of Possible Activities” which he developed. The oversight and management of the DAD reinvestment initiative was discussed extensively. It was agreed that goals and expectations for that project need to be more clearly communicated to the staff that are involved, especially since there are now reporting requirements to the State which are different from what’s been done previously. Mr. Thur noted that the DAD project’s inclusion as a reinvestment initiative serves as validation of the good work that’s been done in the past.

Tom Geib proposed the creation of a Reinvestment Project group which would consume the Regional Partnership Planning Project and DAD functions as an NVACSB activity. This group would meet every other month, with an emphasis on reinvestment, information sharing, and politicking.

It was noted that the Reinvestment Initiative (DAD) and NVACSB functions must be ongoing in some capacity. Although the Regional Partnership activities are scheduled to end in August, the MH Work Group has a head of steam, and has several items which cannot be completed prior to August. The Partnership work groups need some kind of body to report back to as they continue their work. The possibility of slowing down the work of the work groups rather than disestablishing them was discussed.

Mr. Geib proposed the creation of a “Northern Virginia Partnership” group which would have operational and planning focuses. Mr. Thur went on to propose that this group would have involvement from private providers and could meet either quarterly or bi-monthly. An NVACSB group would continue to meet, but would gather less frequently with a narrowed focus to discuss only issues which are very specific to CSBs, and work closely with the VACSB. This issue will be revisited at the January meeting of the Structural Work Group.

5. Discuss Structure, Funding and Staffing of Future Planning Activities

This item was covered under #4.

6. Discuss planning in other disability areas

Due to time constraints, this issue was not examined closely.

7. Future Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting: The next Structural Work Group meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2004 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

8. New Business

Jim Thur reported that he attended a second meeting with staff from the Master’s program at George Mason University (GMU) to discuss a partnership between their students and CSBs. This endeavor will have tremendous possibilities as GMU has great linkages with other universities in the area. It was also indicated that work is being done with the Northern Virginia Community College system around the workforce crisis issue.