

**Developmental Disabilities Committee**  
 The Merrifield Center  
 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Level 1 Room 308A/B  
 Fairfax, VA 22031  
**5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

***Wednesday, October 2, 2019***

**AGENDA**

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| 1.  | Meeting Called to Order   | Chair                               | 5:00 p.m.              |
| 2.  | Welcome and Introductions   | Chair                               | 5:00 p.m.              |
| 3.  | Approval of the Agenda  | Chair & Members                     | 5:05 p.m.              |
| 4.  | Approval of August 2019 Draft Minutes   | Chair & Members                     | 5:05 p.m.              |
| 5.  | Matters of the Public   | Chair & Public                      | 5:05 p.m.              |
| 6.  | Matters of the Committee  | Chair & Members                     | 5:15 p.m.              |
| 7.  | Staff and Agency Updates  | CSB Staff                           | 5:30 p.m.              |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agency Updates</li> <li>▪ CSB Legislative Activities</li> <li>▪ Employment &amp; Day</li> <li>▪ Northern Virginia Projects Office</li> <li>▪ Residential</li> <li>▪ Support Coordination</li> <li>▪ WIN – Welcoming Inclusion Network</li> </ul> |                                     |                        |
| 8.  | Partner Presentation  |                                     |                        |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employee Advocates Group, Theo Rucker-Abilla</li> <li>▪ Hartwood Foundation, Sean McGinnis</li> </ul>  |                                     | 6:00 p.m.<br>6:10 p.m. |
| 9.  | Discussion of DD committee meeting vision   | Sheila Jonas, Nancy Scott, Partners |                        |
| 10. | Announcements   |                                     | 6:25 p.m.              |
| 11. | Meeting Adjourned   |                                     | 6:30 p.m.              |

***Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. at the Merrifield Center***

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board  
Developmental Disabilities Committee

August 7, 2019

The Developmental Disabilities Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met in special joint session at the Merrifield Center, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, VA.

Committee Members in Attendance: Sheila Coplan Jonas and Nancy Scott, Co-Chairs; Daria Akers, Board Member; Rachna Sizemore Heizer, Board Member

Committee Members absent:

Associate Members in Attendance: Career Support Systems, Inc., Lance Elwood and Missy King; Community Living Alternatives (CLA) Susan Keenan; Cri, Julie Dwyer-Allen; ECHO, Zanelle Nichols; Langley Residential, Betsy Schatz; MVLE, April Pinch-Keeler and Joanne Orchant-Aceto; Pathway Homes, Anita Robinson; ServiceSource, Dennis Brown

Staff in Attendance: Lyn Tomlinson, Evan Jones, Kevin Lafin, Elizabeth McCartney, Victor Mealy, Jean Post, Joseph Rajnic, Denise Sequeira, and Sierra Simmons

Guests in Attendance: Sean McGinnis with Hartwood Foundation, Inc., Adelaide Etse with Quarshie Health Care, Michel Kahak with Kahak Health Care Services, and Theo Rucker-Abilla with Employment Advocates Group

1. Meeting Called to Order

Sheila Jonas convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

As no changes to the Committee agenda were recommended, Daria Akers made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, which was unanimously endorsed.

Draft minutes of the April 3, 2019 Developmental Disabilities Committee meeting and the June 12, 2019 joint Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health Oversight Committees were presented for Committee review. As no revisions were recommended, Daria Akers made a motion to accept the notes as presented, which seconded and passed.

3. Matters of the Public

None were presented.

4. Matters of the Committee

Rachna Heizer provided an update to the June 2109 Disability Inclusion Conference. Related to One Fairfax, the conference was supported by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) Chair Sharon Bulova, and Braddock District Representative John Cook. Attended by members of the Fairfax community including first responders, attendees were provided information on employment and inclusion opportunities. Additionally, adults with

disabilities and their families were provided with information and resources for social, employment, and housing opportunities. reporting the event was a great success, with approximately 400 attendees, Ms. Heizer reported some discussion for scheduling this conference as an annual event.

Associate member Dennis Brown (ServiceSource) reported a DBHDS (Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services) licensing/regulation change that requires non-profit agencies to retain 90 days (25% of their annual budget) of agency cash on hand, emphasizing the significant challenge that this presents. Efforts to minimize the financial impact of this requirement include working with the Virginia Network of Private Providers (VNPP) and Virginia Association of Community Rehabilitation Programs (VaACCSES) to request that the verbiage “and projected revenue” be added to the regulation. This is intended to free up cash on hand while safeguarding fiscally sound practices of non-profit organizations. Mr. Brown encouraged attendees to visit the VNPP webpage to provide feedback on the recommended changes to the regulation during the open public comment period. A link to the website will be forwarded to Committee and Associate members by the Board Clerk, Erin Bloom.

Sheila Jonas requested feedback from Committee and Associate members and staff for possibly changing the meeting start time. The proposal included moving the meetings to noon as a brown bag lunch, or moving the start time back from 5:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Following an engaged group discussion, it was determined that members would be better served by moving the start time to 5:00 p.m. The new start time will be implemented beginning with the October 2, 2019 DD Committee meeting.

#### 5. Staff and Agency Updates

Lyn Tomlinson reported on the recent death of DBHDS Commissioner S. Melton Hughes, noting that services are scheduled for Saturday, August 11. The Chief Deputy for Community Behavioral Health Services, Mira Signer, has been appointed Acting Commissioner.

Ms. Tomlinson, reported that one of the outcomes from the June 12, 2019 joint Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health Oversight committees was a request for greater involvement of CSB leadership staff. To address this request, Ms. Tomlinson encouraged Associate Members to reach out to her to schedule site visits.

Elizabeth McCartney provided an update to current legislative activities to include:

- Recommendations to the FY2020 Human Services Issue Paper were approved by the CSB Board for submission to the County Legislative Office. It was noted that the Issue Paper identifies and supports the legislative agenda for the upcoming General Assembly session. Additionally, talking points are developed in support of CSB Board member visits with the VA Legislature in the Fall. Key topics identified include:
  - Reimbursement rates including approval and reapproval of customized rates,
  - The Department of Justice Settlement includes a requirement that identified services are to be in place and operational by June 30, 2020, one year prior to the expiration date of the Settlement.

- Increased feedback from partners was solicited this year including some involvement with the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC) Government Affairs meetings.

Committee and Associate members and staff engaged in robust discussion providing further information that will be used to develop talking points.

Evan Jones provided an update to Employment & Day Services activities noting that as the current rates for DD Employment & Day and for DD Residential services are five years old, DBHDS has initiated a review. There is consideration of updating the rates with either a refresh, that updates the rate formula to include current rates for CPI (Consumer Price Index), inflation, etc., or a reface, that recreates current formulas to include changes in staffing, etc.). Additional information will be provided once known. Further updates included:

- All contract amendments have been sent out to providers and are in process for the new fiscal year.
- With the support of funding from the BOS, the June 2019 Special Education Graduates are moving into placements.

Jean Post distributed copies of the *Northern Virginia Regional Projects, Fiscal year 2019 ending June 30, 2019, Regional Utilization Group Report ID/DD Summary Pages from Q4 report for the Regional Management Group*. Ms. Post reviewed each page, highlighting the data related to Fairfax.

The new Adult Transitional Home and Children’s Crisis Therapeutic Home, located in Culpeper and managed by Region 2, will be serving Regions 1 and 2. Efforts to secure occupancy permits are progressing and are anticipated to be secured soon. Delays in securing the occupancy permit have been due to water filtration and entry lighting regulations. Workforce development has also proven to be a challenge. DBHDS has determined that we will open the Adult Transitional Home first and Region 4, also adding these same programs, will open the Children’s Therapeutic Home first.

Ms. Post will provide further information on the REACH training data related to the number of trainings providedt each identified group.

Joe Rajnic, Acting Service Director, provided updated data pertaining to individuals currently receiving services in directly operated and contract residential locations including:

- | <u>Type of Service</u>              | <u>Number Served</u> | <u>Vacancies</u> | <u>Total Capacity</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| ○ Assisted Living Facility          | 36                   | 2                | 37                    |
| ○ Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)  | 8                    | 0                | 8                     |
| ○ Group Homes (44 homes)            | 71                   | 1                | 72                    |
| ○ Supervised Residential (44 Apts.) | 53                   | 1                | 54                    |
| ○ Drop In and In Home               | 103                  | 0                | 103                   |
| <i>Total Number Served</i>          | <i>271</i>           | <i>3</i>         | <i>274</i>            |
- Waiver Status:
  - Group Homes:                      Waiver (37) 51 %                      Non-Waiver (35) 49 %

○ Supervised Residential:	Waiver (3) 6%	Non- Waiver (48) 94 %
○ Drop In:	Waiver (38) 37%	Non-Waiver (65) 63 %
<i>Total:</i>	<i>Waiver (78) 35%</i>	<i>Non-Waiver (148) 65%</i>

*Note: The Vacancies and Total Capacity data recorded further above was provided after the meeting and has been included here to provide thorough data.*

Victor Mealy provided the Support Coordination Update, offering a reminder that Virginia code mandates that CSBs provide support coordination service for any individual who is receiving services under a DD waiver. Additional highlights include:

- On June 19, 2019 DBHDS released notification of the FY2020 allotment of Medicaid DD Waivers. Noting this allotment is a significant increase in the number of waivers received previously, Fairfax County received a total of new 139 DD waivers
- Previous allotments were: 56 in FY2017, 57 in FY2018, and 77 in FY2019.
- As of June 20, 2019, there were 12,934 individuals on the state-wide DD waiver waitlist, including 3,494 assessed with Priority 1 support needs.
- For the same period, Fairfax CSB had 2,4335 individuals on the waitlist including 647 assessed at Priority 1 status.
- Fairfax CSB accounts for 18.5% of the state’s Priority 1 waitlist which is projected to result in a continued increase in allotted waivers in future years.

Mr. Mealy distributed a flyer soliciting volunteers for the Waiver Slot Assignment Committee, encouraging members to further distribute the handout, clarifying that volunteers cannot be on or have a family member on the wait list. The Committee will meet in September 2019, for an anticipated seven to eight days. Reporting that the information is also available on the CSB website, Mr. Mealy, noting that his phone number is on the handout, requested that interested parties should contact him for questions or further information.

Mr. Jones also provided an update to WIN (Welcoming Inclusion Network) activities, some highlights of which are:

- A primary focus this summer has been on retirement options for older adults with disabilities. Community opportunities include Adult Day Health Centers, operated by the Health Department; Senior Centers, operated by Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS); and Library programs. Additionally, efforts to partner with the Best Buddies program are ongoing.
- Monthly meetings attended by staff from NCS, Therapeutic Recreation, and the Health Department to address retirement options have been established.
- The next WIN Network Meeting is Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Government Center.
- An update to ongoing activities of the WIN independent small focus groups was provided, including:
  - Employment and Communication have scheduled a meeting for Monday, September 9, 2019 at ServiceSource.
  - Implementation of the recommendations presented to the BOS in December 2018 includes:

- Expansion of *Self-Directed Services* (SDS) includes filling vacant positions; seeking to contract SDS, an RFI (Request for Information) has been released. Additionally, the program is preparing to provide services to the June 2019 graduates who may be interested.
- Several providers have indicated interest in providing soft skills *Training*. Additionally, there are efforts to establish smaller groups for Group Supported Employment as well as developing new groups to provide diverse opportunities to grouped individuals who may be interested.

In response to a question regarding outreach for sports opportunities, it was clarified that the focus groups are well-suited to explore opportunities for sports in the community.

Associate Member Presentations

Sheila Jonas introduced Lance Elwood and Missy King, with Career Support Systems, Inc. Mr. Elwood provided some personal and agency background. Noting that copies of the slides were included in the meeting materials, attention was directed to the presentation. An overview of the slides was provided, including some additional details of accomplishments and goals.

Discussion of DD Committee Meeting Vision

Sheila Jonas offered a reminder of the June 12, 2019 joint meeting, noting that the primary goal was to forge stronger partnerships and increase collaboration between the CSB and partner agencies. Members were encouraged to engage and advocate at the DD meetings, reporting that a second joint meeting is planned for later this year.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Actions Taken –

- The April 3, 2019 DD Committee meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- The June 12, 2019 DD Committee meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- The members agreed to revise the start time of the meetings from 5:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning in October 2019.

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Date Approved

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Clerk to the Board