



## **Developmental Disabilities Committee**

**The Merrifield Center**

**8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Level 1 Room 308A/B**

**Fairfax, VA 22031**

**5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

### **AGENDA**

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| <b>1. Meeting Called to Order</b>                 | <b>Chair</b>               | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>2. Welcome and Introductions</b>               | <b>Chair</b>               | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>3. Approval of the Agenda</b>                  | <b>Chair &amp; Members</b> | <b>5:35 p.m.</b> |
| <b>4. Approval of February 2019 Draft Minutes</b> | <b>Chair &amp; Members</b> | <b>5:35 p.m.</b> |
| <b>5. Matters of the Public</b>                   | <b>Chair &amp; Public</b>  | <b>5:35 p.m.</b> |
| <b>6. Matters of the Committee</b>                | <b>Chair &amp; Members</b> | <b>5:45 p.m.</b> |
| <b>7. Staff and Agency Updates</b>                | <b>CSB Staff</b>           | <b>6:00 p.m.</b> |
| ▪ <b>Agency Updates</b>                           |                            |                  |
| ▪ <b>CSB Legislative Activities</b>               |                            |                  |
| ▪ <b>Employment &amp; Day</b>                     |                            |                  |
| ▪ <b>Northern Virginia Projects Office</b>        |                            |                  |
| ▪ <b>Residential</b>                              |                            |                  |
| ▪ <b>Support Coordination</b>                     |                            |                  |
| ▪ <b>WIN – Welcoming Inclusion Network</b>        |                            |                  |
| <b>8. Staff Presentation</b>                      |                            |                  |
| ▪ <b>Regional Office &amp; DD Crisis Services</b> | <b>Jean Post</b>           | <b>6:35 p.m.</b> |
| <b>9. Announcements</b>                           |                            | <b>6:55 p.m.</b> |
| <b>10. Meeting Adjourned</b>                      |                            | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> |

***Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at the Merrifield Center***

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board  
Developmental Disabilities Committee

February 6, 2019

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

Committee Members in Attendance: Sheila Coplan Jonas, Co-Chair; Jane Woods, Co-Chair; Daria Akers, Board Member; Thomas Burger, CSB Board Member; Suzette Kern, CSB Board Chair; and Nancy Scott, Board Member

Committee Members absent: Rachna Sizemore Heizer, Board Member;

Associate Members in Attendance: Kenan Aden, MVLE; Bethany Barr, Melwood; Dennis Brown, ServiceSource; Rikki Epstein, The Arc of Northern Virginia; Norma Israel, Resources for Independence of VA (RIVA); Salsi Mane and Fiorella Vito, Work Opportunities United; Bernice Mean chop, CRi; Andrew Miller, Lutheran Family Services; Zanelle Nichols, ECHO; Stephen Toth and Mary Ehlers, ServiceSource, Families & Friends; Jakuta Williams, CCI

Staff in Attendance: Barbara Wadley-Young; Randy Buckland; Evan Jones, Elizabeth McCartney; Victor Mealy, Joseph Rajnic, and Lyn Tomlinson

Guests in Attendance:

1. Meeting Called to Order

Jane Woods convened the meeting at 5:32 p.m. following which, all attendees introduced themselves including name and agency affiliation.

2. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

As no changes to the February 6, 2019 agenda were recommended, the agenda was accepted as presented.

Draft minutes of the December 5, 2018 Developmental Disabilities Committee meeting were presented for Committee review. As no revisions were recommended, Suzette Kern made a motion to accept the notes as presented, which WAS seconded and passed.

3. Matters of the Public

None were presented.

4. Matters of the Committee

Daria Akers reported Robinson Secondary School hosted an event titled Fan Quest this past weekend, noting it was an extremely successful event.

Dennis Brown provided highlights of some recent legislative activity noting three proposals were unsuccessful to include Refresh/Rebase; insufficient priority one slots, including for

individuals over 70 years of age; and a request to reduce licensing audit visits for areas included in CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) review audits for agencies with CARF Accreditation. It was further noted that legislative efforts to cap the total revenue earned for supportive employment staff were unsuccessful.

Jane Woods added a legislative reminder that this year approximately all 140 seats are up for election and about 120 appear to be challenged, noting this creates an opportunity to approach legislators with areas of interest/concern. Additionally, Ms. Woods provided an update to two companion bills that are still pending, reporting the bills provide an expanded opportunity for employment services with state funding.

## 5. Staff and Agency Updates

*Agency Update:* Barbara Wadley-Young provided updates to recent hiring:

- Linda Mount was hired as Director of Analytics and Evaluation, effective January 22
- Sebastian Tezna is the new Business Operations Director
- Dr. Treca Stark has filled the new position of Training Manager

It was also reported that Elizabeth McCartney, CSB Legislative Liaison, will be attending future Developmental Disabilities Committee meetings to provide ongoing updates to legislative matters that may impact DD services.

*Employment & Day:* Evan Jones, provided updates to recent Employment & Day services, including:

- Employment & Day services are being provided to all individuals, including the June 2018 Graduates, who have requested them. Additionally, Mr. Jones noted that there are currently 1500+ individuals receiving Employment & Day services.
- There is a temporary hold for Self-Directed Services during some reorganization, anticipating a release of some new waivers that will reopen referrals to this service.
- Noting that there are Medicaid Waivers for individuals with exceptional needs, Mr. Jones further noted that due to the arduous application process, a limited number of individuals have been approved. However, partner providers are being strongly encouraged to apply for the Special Needs Medicaid Waiver, asking that the partners report on the challenges, delays, and obstacles encountered. Mr. Jones highlighted that DBHDS (Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services) is supportive of overcoming identified obstacles and increasing the number of approvals. *Committee members asked to be kept apprised of any progress related to Exceptional Needs Waivers.*
- It was reported that there are some capacity concerns in Group Supported Employment. One recommended solution, resulting from WIN (Welcoming Inclusion Network) meetings, is to develop smaller groups of three to four individuals. It was further noted that with a healthy economy, it is anticipated that there may be some efforts to increase the number of the six-to-eight groups.
- Recently issued state baseline standards require that 25% of individuals aged 18 – 24 with a waiver, are employed. The CSB has met this threshold with an allowance from

the state to include individuals on the wait list that are 100% locally funded and are employed. It was clarified that this standard meets the national average.

- A legislative proposal to award several million-dollars to DARS (Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services) to open a Category One facility did not move out of the committees.
- There are two federal bills of interest, the Transformation to Competitive Employment Act and the Raise the Wage Act, both of which propose to eliminate sub-minimum wages and raise the minimum wage.

*Support Coordination:* Victor Mealy, noting a recent focus by DOJ (Department of Justice) on 'building a quality and accountable case management system', provided an update to Support Coordination Services, including:

- An independent reviewer-case management review is scheduled for the first week of March, followed by staff interviews of Support Coordinators, Supervisors, Authorized Representatives, and Day & Work Program staff in the second week of March. This CSB was not included in the selection.
- A REACH Crisis Response Review has been concurrently scheduled. The CSBs have not yet been selected for this review.
- A recent data review indicated that targets in most critical areas are being met or exceeded.
- Small changes in the overall SIS (Supports Intensity Scale) scores are resulting in large decreases in tier and level scores which impacts reimbursement rates for services to the vendors. This seems to be a more recent trend. Staff has alerted DBHDS for discussion.
- Two Fairfax individuals remain at the Central Virginia Training Center (CVTC) and four remain at the Southeastern Training Center (SETC).

*Residential:* Joe Rajnic, Acting Service Director, provided an update to ACRS (Assisted and Community Residential Services) noting the data includes directly operated and contracted services. Highlights include

- Assisted Living Facilities, 37 individuals served, no vacancies
- Intermediate Care Facilities, 35 individuals served with 2 vacancies
- Residential Group Homes, 179 served with 11 vacancies
- Supervised Residential, 88 individuals served in 48 apartments with 5 vacancies
- Community Based (drop-in services), 445 individuals served with 18 vacancies
- Waiver and non-Waiver
- *Waiver Status (# served):*
  - Group Homes: Waiver (154) 86% Non-Waiver (40) 14%
  - Supervised Residential: Waiver (40) 45% Non-Waiver (49) 55%
  - Drop In: Waiver (40) 38% Non-Waiver (65) 62%
  - **TOTAL: Waiver (234) 56% Non-Waiver (154) 44%**

*Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office:* Randy Buckland, REACH Regional Crisis Services Project Manager, in the absence of Jean Post provided the Utilization Quarter 2 Report. The Fairfax-Falls Church CSB data was highlighted noting that the data reflects the Fiscal Year. It was also reported that there are two new homes under construction, scheduled to open by the end of March, serving Regions I and II. The REACH Crisis Therapeutic Home (CTH) for youth and REACH Transitional Home for adults both have six beds and are anticipated to be full at the opening of the homes. It was noted that a CTH in Woodbridge has had some recurring problems with bed bugs and property damage in the last quarter that has rendered some beds intermittently unavailable.

*CSB Legislative Activities:* Elizabeth McCartney provided a brief overview of the current legislative process, some highlights of which are:

- County staff identify bills of interest and assign each bill to a 'subject matter expert' county agency to identify legislative impact, following which a weekly assessment report is provided to the County Legislative Committee (committee of the whole) recommending a legislative position of opposition, support, or monitoring. The CSB has reviewed approximately 200 bills this legislative session.
- Noting that legislative efforts start in August, initial activities include participation in drafting the Human Service Issues Paper that identifies areas of focus for the County. This is followed by development of talking points on CSB priorities for testimony in January before members of the General Assembly.
- Ms. McCartney offered highlights of plans for collaborative efforts between Board and Associate Members in support of the legislative and budget hearing process.
- It was noted that some time will be provided at the June DD Committee for discussion of legislative priorities and key focus areas for the Human Services Issue Paper and public hearings in FY 2020.
- Jane Woods reported receiving a legislative BUDGET update from the Commonwealth Institute, noting that she will forward the update to Erin Bloom for further forwarding to the DD Committee Outlook groups.

*WIN – Welcoming Inclusion Network Update:* Barbara Wadley-Young offered a brief update to recent activities by the WIN groups. Highlights included:

- A reminder of the December 11, 2018 WIN presentation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) was offered. Following presentation of the identified WIN recommendations, the BOS authorized implementation, for which a workgroup was established.
- Attendance at the next WIN meeting was encouraged, reporting that it is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019 at the Government Center, Rooms 9 & 10 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. A reminder was offered that the primary focus will be a panel for Inclusive Hiring. The first of ongoing implementation updates will also be on the agenda.

## 6. Associate Member Presentations

Sheila Jonas introduced the assigned speakers:

1. *Melwood (Linden Resources)*; Bethany Barr, provided an overview of three programs including Day Support, Group Supported Employment, and Individual Supported Employment.
  - a. *Day Support*; currently serving 43 individuals, ages 22 – 82. The program is based in Crystal City and provides opportunities for community activities, educational learning, continuous skill-building, recreation, and career preparation.
  - b. *Group Supported Employment*; supports 120 individuals at nine sites in VA, approximately 600 individuals in Maryland at numerous sites, and there are four sites in DC. Typical positions offered are mailroom, custodial, and landscaping.
  - c. *Individual Supported Employment*; assists with competitive employment in the community with job coaches. Services include initial situational assessments, assistance with the job search process including job search, resume, application, interview, and initial with follow along support.
  - d. Additionally, there is a pilot program offering preparation for an IT Certification exam, for which approximately 60 individuals have expressed an interest.
2. *Lutheran Family Services (LFS)*; Andrew Miller, Regional Manager for the Northern Virginia office, provided a brief history of LFS., noting the primary focus for this office is Sponsored Residential clarified to be provision of a room in a home for individuals with a Community Living Waiver. Some training is provided as well as assistance with documentation.
3. *Work Opportunities Unlimited (WOU)*; Salsawit Mane and Fiorella Vito confirmed the primary service provided is Supported Employment. Distributing copies of presentation slides some background of the agency was provided, noting WOU has been working in Virginia for two years. It was emphasized that client choice is a primary focus of the agency.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Actions Taken –

- The December 5, 2018 DD Committee meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- The legislative budget update from the Commonwealth Institute will be forwarded to the DD Committee Outlook Distribution List.

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Date Approved

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Clerk to the Board