

**ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**  
**Mental Health Committee**  
**1/3/18**  
Approved 1/24/18

**Committee Members Present:** Judy Deane (Co-chair), Dori Mitchell (Co-chair), John Mitchell, Leslie Gosling, Wayne Bert, Betsy Greer, David Fitzgerald

**Committee Members Absent:** Lee Long, Adi Radhakrishnan, Tom Quinn, Cathy Lewis, Steve Gallagher, Debra Byrd, Tamara Theiler, Anne Hermann, Sam Howlett, Scott Brannon, Caroline Bragdon, John Blount

**Staff Present:** Alan Orenstein, Jose Campos

**Call to order:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Committee approved the 10/25/17 minutes with corrections.

**Job Avenue Presentation:** Mr. Campos gave an overview of the Job Avenue employment services program. He described the source of referrals and the JA mission, and he detailed the supported employment approach to employment. Key components of “supported employment” are described in a national fidelity scale of standards and the JA program has consistently achieved conformance at about 90%. Important characteristics are that the approach starts with client interest in work, is client-centered, and seeks rapid placement in appropriate competitive jobs. Last year JA receive 211 referrals; 51% of new clients obtained employment; and 86% maintained employment for least 90 days. Mr. Campos also described the supported education component of the program. Similar to the employment services, SE assists clients in achieving education, ranging from GED classes to a college education.

**Outpatient Services Director’s Report:** Dr. Orenstein provided an update regarding the Same Day Access initiative. Between 11/27/17 and 12/15/17, there were 59 walk-ins and 28 scheduled intakes. This utilization is higher than was the case before SDA started but still included left-over scheduled intakes. So, it is still too soon to tell the ultimate increase in admissions. Dr. Orenstein reminded the Committee of the 1/24/18 scheduled visit to the Jail MH Program. ACTION: Dr. Orenstein will confirm the visit time and relevant rules applicable to visitors.

**Chairs’ Report:** Ms. Deane noted there will be a meeting with local Legislators at the County Board building 1/5/18. Issues will include: SA funding, children with autism, and the “financial realignment” related to state hospital funding. There followed a discussion of the limitations of deinstitutionalization and the need for balance in hospital versus community-based care. There is also a meeting 1/5/18 with the VHC. The issues are the number psychiatric beds and changes in the emergency room. Ms. Deane also noted a recent discussion involving Anita Friedman about the FY19 budget and suggested there is the possibility of achieving both the outpatient MH teams and the young adult case managers. Updated data is required. ACTION: Dr. Orenstein will provide updated utilization data to Ms. Deane.

Ms. Deane announced that the PACT luncheon is scheduled for 2/14 at Sequoia 3. Finally, Ms. Deane noted that there are indications of increases in housing funding and Western State Hospital in the State budget.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.