

**ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**  
**Developmental Disability Committee**  
**Monthly Meeting – April 2018**  
**Department of Human Services**  
**2100 Washington Boulevard**  
**Sequoia Building 1/Conference Room D**  
**Arlington VA 22204**

**DATE/TIME:** April 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm

**CHAIR:** Carol Skelly

**MEMBERS (in attendance):** Carol Skelly, Ann Kelly, Alex Soroko, Nancy Tishman, Cherie Takemoto, Alex Yellin, Lucia Claster, Casey Youman, Moira Saucedo, and Alex Yellin; A quorum was satisfied.

**MEMBERS (absent):** Chuck Adkins-Blanch, Donna Budway, Lynne Kozma, and Barbara Jones

**ATTENDEES:** Lucy Beadnell (The Arc of Northern Virginia); Staff representatives of service providers: Deb Bauer (ServiceSource), Andrea Blackman (ServiceSource), Bethany Barr (Linden Resources), Michelle Lotrecchiano (MVLE), and Kristine Sinclair (MVLE); and County staff: Deborah Warren (DHS), Penny Everline, and La Voyce Reid (DHS)

**RECORDER:** La Voyce B. Reid

Call to Order: Carol Skelly, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Minutes: February 7, 2018 Minutes were reviewed by members of the DD Committee and approved with the following edits: (1) Add Cherie Takemoto to “Members in Attendance;” add the following language, “A quorum was satisfied” after the names for “Members in Attendance,” and, lastly, correct the name listed as Liz Kozma to Lynne Kozma for “Members Absent.”

February 27, 2018 (March) Minutes were reviewed by members of the DD Committee and approved with the following edits: add the following language, “A quorum was satisfied” after the names for “Members in Attendance,” under “Staff Updates” delete the following “see a decline by gradual attrition” and replace with, “will be closed by gradual attrition,” and lastly, under Committee Chair Updates modify the sentence, “The greater challenge is we do not know how to treat them” to “The greater challenge is we do not know best practices for treating them.”

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<b>Public Comments</b>	No public comments			
<b>Arlington Infant Toddler Connection (Formerly Parent Infant Education/P.I.E.)</b>	<p>Leah Davidson, Program Supervisor, Arlington Infant Toddler Connection, addressed the following as they pertain to the program:</p> <p>Overview of program Evolution of program</p> <p><b><u>OVERVIEW:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youngest children that come under DD/CSB are served by this program; birth up to 3rd birthdate</li> <li>• Services provided in natural (home) setting</li> <li>• Services to caregiver, though child is the client</li> <li>• Primary focus is building capacity of most important person in child’s life to shape development. Evidence suggests we’ll “get more bang for buck” by working through the caregivers most meaningful to the child</li> <li>• 11 staff members (therapist, case managers/service coordinators)</li> <li>• Therapy is provided to the caregivers</li> <li>• Staff also includes seven contracted therapists; also contracts with professionals with expertise in the areas of hearing loss and visual impairments</li> </ul>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More recently, the program has a social worker on staff to support the mental health of “families;” supports attachment and emotional functioning of children</li> <li>• The initial steps for new services are free (free screening, if there is a 25% developmental delay or medical disability or if there is a high likelihood of permanent delay)</li> <li>• There is a cost for the “Assessment” (Individual Service Plan/ISP); however, this can be billed to Medicaid, insurance, and/or the family. Many families in early development incur a cost. Providers bill separate for their services.</li> <li>• Staff also assist families with transition, if interested, into special education at age two years.</li> </ul> <p><b>EVOLUTION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal regulations have not changed over several years</li> <li>• Services are family-centered and provided in child’s environment; this is the most significant change</li> <li>• Value of the relationship of the child with his or her caregiver is more emphasized</li> </ul>			
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	<p><b>Q1/A1</b> Do you use a Coaching Model?</p> <p>Yes, everyone is trained in this model</p> <p><b>Q2/A2</b> Are children ever supported in groups?</p> <p>No, children are never provided services in groups. This stopped somewhere between 1995 and 2003. Children are not seen in clinic settings.</p> <p><b>Q3/A3</b> Families need to have a medical diagnosis to begin with. If a parent does not know that his or her child has a medical issue, how would they know to get a medical diagnosis?</p> <p>For PIE, the child does not need to have a medical diagnosis, but rather they simply need to have a concern (just need a 25% delay). For example, the child is nine months and still not sitting up.</p> <p><b>Q4/A4</b> How many families does P.I.E. serve in a year?</p> <p>Approximately 500</p>			
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	<p><b>Q5/A5</b> How long do people wait between initial call and development of individual support/service plan (ISP)?</p> <p>Average time frame is approximately three weeks. The program used to maintain waiting lists in past years, but not now.</p> <p><b>Q6/A6</b> when P.I.E. is coaching are there specific tools and resources that are used (more so for the parents to learn)</p> <p>Yes. For example, record parent doing something (like holding the baby) and staff can watch and provide the parent with feedback.</p> <p>Additional Information: ABA Therapy for Autism is not offered through early intervention; However, ABA Therapist can provide intervention services through PIE.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal to Relocate ArlingtonWeaves, Etc. to Ballston Mall</b></p>	<p>DD Committee Member, A. Soroko, presented an argument for returning the ArlingtonWeaves, Etc. Day Support Services program to Ballston Mall upon its re-opening.</p> <p>Note: members of the DD Committee received handouts (attached) prepared by A. Soroko ahead of this meeting.</p>			

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	<p>Highlights of the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ArlingtonWeaves, Etc. is a premier program; the question is: “What kind of program do we want this to be or represent in the community.</li> <li>• Ballston Mall is a showcase environment</li> <li>• We can do a lot more and have a stronger presence at the Mall; there is support with the Board and other Departments in Arlington</li> <li>• Do we want to continue the Program here at Sequoia, relocate the program back to Ballston Mall, or perhaps have an ArlingtonWeaves, Etc. II at the Mall when it re-opens? Can we make it an even better program?</li> </ul> <p>L. Reid presented the Department’s position on re-locating the program to the Mall, which is in opposition to such a transition. A handout (attached) highlighting the strength of the program at the current location was shared with members of the DD Committee ahead of this meeting.</p> <p>Highlights (outside of the handout) from L. Reid’s presentation included the following:</p>			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ArlingtonWeaves, Etc. program is first and foremost a day support services program, which emphasizes skill development, peer interactions, community integration, and enhancement of social networks.</li> <li>• In the current setting the program’s participants have become well-integrated into the growing community at the Sequoia complex</li> <li>• The current setting is conducive to the goals and outcomes for Day Support.</li> </ul> <p>L. Reid also shared that earlier discussions (prior to the close of the mall) considered a return to Ballston upon re-opening, but the space proposed by the developers would have been much smaller than both the current space and prior space at Ballston Mall. This would result in a reduction of the program’s capacity.</p> <p>L. Reid also shared that earlier discussions amongst staff supported a plan to have a presence at the newly developed mall by way of seasonal kiosks.</p> <p><b>Q1/A2</b> If we were able to have kiosks at the mall for this program, would participants be able to work at them?</p>	<p>The Members of the DD Committee supported a plan to keep the program at its current location provided DHS staff follow through on plans to have a presence at the mall using seasonal kiosks.</p>	<p>L. Reid</p>	<p>09/05/2018</p>

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	<p>This would be strongly encouraged, but participation would be at the discretion of each participant and/or guardian. This cannot be required of them.</p>	<p>D. Warren and L. Reid agreed to explore this option with other County Departments, as needed.</p>		
<b>Staff Updates:</b>	<p>L. Reid introduced Penny Everline, as the Bureau's newest Program Manager. P. Everline was previously a Support Coordinator; assumed the new role in November 2017.</p> <p>L. Reid shared that DHS will be co-hosting an employment summit on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Lockheed Martin. Other co-hosts include: The Arc of NOVA, Lockheed Martin, Sprint, and the DC Metro Business Leadership Network. (Event flyer attached)</p>			
<b>Committee Chair Update(s)</b>	<p>Proclamation ceremony scheduled for April 24th 3:00 pm in County Board room; event will be on a lower scale than in past years, but still looking to have a small reception following the event. Committee members and others are asked to let Carol know if they can bring refreshments.</p> <p>In May (May 12th) in lieu of having the monthly meeting the Committee will co-host with staff a housing forum (attached flyer). The audience for this event is the general public and families</p>			

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<b>The Arc of NOVA</b>	<p>Ms. Lucy Beadnell distributed and reviewed a handout entitled, "The Arc of Northern Virginia's April 2018 Legislative Updates" (Attached).</p> <p>Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Assembly called back a week from today (April 11th) to complete the budget negotiations. The big impasse is Medicaid expansion</li> <li>• CCC Plus — In order to make changes you need a special circumstance. Aetna, United, and Anthem are the more common MCOs in NOVA, which represents these providers' larger coverage area</li> <li>• IFSP – Reimbursements/payments are made using debit cards, which have been mailed. All receipts for FY18 are due no later than July 1st</li> <li>• Housing subsidies are still available</li> <li>• Shared handout for the 2018 Virginia Disability Forum Series (attached). Committee members are welcome to attend any of the forum series (there is not one scheduled for Arlington)</li> </ul>			
<b>Vendor Updates</b>	<p>D. Bauer shared that ServiceSource is exploring a new lease for a location in South Springfield in order to expand Day Support and employment services. The building will</p>			

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	also have office space for other tenants. This expansion is the result of increased referrals and an opportunity to de-centralized the Edsall Road site.			
<b>New Business</b>	No new business			

**The next regular DD Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm  
2100 Washington Blvd., Conference Room D, Arlington, VA**