

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

DATE/TIME: December 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm

CHAIR: Carol Skelly

MEMBERS (in attendance): Carol Skelly, Donna Budway, Barbara Jones, Ann Kelly, Lynne Kozma, Moira Saucedo, Alex Soroko, Cherie Takemoto, Nancy Tishman, and Alex Yellin; A quorum was satisfied.

MEMBERS (absent/excused): Chuck Adkins-Blanch, Lucia Claster, Roberto Herrera, and Casey Youman

ATTENDEES: Participants: Mary Green; Lucy Beadnell (The Arc of NOVA); Staff representatives of service providers: Talia Harris (CRi), Carol Jones (CRi), Grace Mitchell (CRi), and Linda Brinkley (MVLE); APS staff: Christina Eagle and Joyce Kelly; and County staff: La Voyce Reid (DHS/DDS Bureau Chief).

RECORDER: La Voyce B. Reid

Call to Order: Carol Skelly, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Minutes: October 10, 2018 Minutes were not available for review and thus approval was deferred to the January 2019 meeting.

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Public Comments	No public comments			
The Arc of NOVA	<p>Ms. Lucy Beadnell distributed and reviewed a handout entitled, "The Arc of Northern Virginia's December 2018 Legislative Update" (Attached)</p> <p>Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative priorities include ensuring funding for the Priority 1 DD Waiver Waitlist and increasing reimbursement rates for nursing under the Waiver • Two statewide advocacy trips in January 2019: January 3rd (Town Hall in Fairfax (AM) and (PM in Arlington), as well as January 30th ("bus day") • Something new ~ Webinars to prepare for Advocacy Day with the first one being Tuesday, Dec. 11th • IFSP grant period is closed • PPL is no longer the fiscal agent for the DD Waivers. The new Agent will be Consumer Directed Care Network effective January 1, 2019 • December 7th – Webinar for initial SSI application and appeals • January 4th – Webinar for DARS Ticket to Work • January 8th – ADL Webinar 			

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<p>Joint CSB Committee Meeting on Mental Health and Autism</p>	<p>C. Skelly presented a brief recap of the November 8th joint meeting of the CSB sub-Committees for Mental Health and DD.</p> <p>Highlights: Small group of CSB members and staff will meet in December and January to develop a CSB initiative to begin addressing our most extreme needs in this area. The team will need to be strategic in how this gets started.</p> <p>Arlington seems to be ahead in terms of where several other CSBs are at across the state.</p> <p>Will be challenged by a “tight” budget year for the County, so it’s questionable as to what can and will be funded.</p> <p>L. Reid presented an in depth overview of mental health supports available or accessed via through DDS:</p> <p>Highlights included:</p> <p>REACH (Regional Educational Assessment Crisis Response and Habilitation), which offers crisis prevention, intervention, and stabilization.</p>			

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	<p>REACH offers 24/7 mobile crisis response and is available for individuals with a DD diagnosis experiencing a crisis.</p> <p>The REACH therapeutic home serves individuals, ages 18 years and older. The therapeutic home is intended for short stays.</p> <p>REACH can provide in-person assessments within two hours of contact, and will respond to hospital ERs, as needed.</p> <p>REACH will be opening a Children’s Therapeutic Home, as well as an adult transition home, both of which will be located in Culpepper, VA and are scheduled to open in March 2019.</p> <p>Mental Health Therapy services provided through the Department/ADSD, which has a 0.5 FTE to provide therapy services for individuals supported by DDS.</p> <p>Psychiatry Supports – Part-time Psychiatrist that provides medication management for individuals supported by the CSB/DDS that are not otherwise followed by a private Psychiatrist. This Psychiatrist is designated for individuals supported by DDS only.</p> <p>Regional Psychiatry Services and Supports – The region is fortunate to have Dr. Sherer,</p>			
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	<p>who served as medical director at the Northern Virginia Training Center until its closing in 2016, provide regional consultation to psychiatrists across the region. Dr. Sherer also maintains a caseload, which includes approximately ten individuals from Arlington.</p>			
Staff Updates:	None			
Committee Chair Update(s)	<p>Legislative Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Caregiver age priority – under new guidelines age is not a factor. Changing the age requirement is something that would require approval beyond the General Assembly. In speaking with staff and The Arc of NOVA there are other priorities that have been identified across the region that will need to take focus. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding Waiver slots intended for individuals exiting Training Centers to use by youth exiting foster care (that age out of foster care). C. Skelly shared that she has already been in communication with Del. Hope about supporting this recommendation. <p>Carol also recommended that the Committee support the Arc’s advocacy agenda and participate the January 3rd Advocacy Day in lieu of holding the DD Committee meeting on the same date. All present were in favor.</p>			

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	Proclamation Ceremony for 2019 – C. Skelly (and L. Reid) recommended honoring Sparc for the annual proclamation. C. Skelly noted that it would need to be a smaller event than what we’ve done in the past due to space limitations. The event will be held on the first Tuesday in March (3/5/19), but the time needs to be finalized.			
Vendor Updates	None			
New Business	B. Jones shared the passing of Margaret Jones, Former Infant Educator and past director of Arlington’s P.I.E. program. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8 th at Murphy’s Funeral Home from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. This will not be a full service, but rather a time to meet and greet Ms. Jones’ family and offer condolence. Members and participants are encouraged to write a message on the funeral home’s message board if unable to attend.			

**The next regular DD Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm
2100 Washington Blvd., Lower Level, Auditorium, Arlington, VA 22204**