

ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
Developmental Disability Committee
Monthly Meeting – May 2019 (convened in April due to schedule conflict)
Department of Human Services
2100 Washington Boulevard
Sequoia Complex Building 1/Conference Room D
Arlington VA 22204

DATE/TIME: April 29, 2019

CHAIR: Carol Skelly

MEMBERS (in attendance): Carol Skelly, Roberto Herrera, Chuck Adkins-Blanch, Alex Yellin, Lynne Kozma, Ann Kelly, Donna Budway, Lucia Claster, Barbara Jones, Moira Saucedo, Millie Thomas, Cherie Takemoto, and Alex Soroko (by phone); A quorum was satisfied.

MEMBERS (absent/excused): Casey Youman and Nancy Tishman

ATTENDEES: Kay Tiernan and Paul Nolan; Lucy Beadnell (The Arc of NOVA); Staff representatives of service providers: Joel Pace (ServiceSource), Jaecque Scholl (ServiceSource), Terrell Jones (CRI), and Talia Harris (CRI), County staff: La Voyce Reid, (DDS Bureau Chief)

RECORDER: La Voyce Reid

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

Minutes: The February 6, 2019 minutes were approved with the following change: correct the spelling of Mary "Aguire" to Mary "Agyare" under attendees. The March 6, 2019 minutes were approved as presented. The April 3, 2019 minutes were approved with the following two changes: Page 5, at the end of J. Cummins statement, "She further explained. . . by June 30th," clarify what DBHD needs to move forward and its timeline. Second, correct a "typo" at bottom of page 4 by adding the letter "y" to the word "length" to read, "lengthy."

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	F/UP DATE
Public Comments	Attendee, P. Nolan, commented on efforts by the Department and DD Committee to increase awareness of SRAP. Specifically, Mr. Nolan acknowledged the letter sent by staff to individuals supported by DD Services and their families/guardians explaining SRAP, but commented that it was sent more than two weeks after SRAP was discussed by the Committee at its March 6 th meeting. Further, Mr. Nolan commented that housing assistance, in general, in Arlington County is skewed in how it is approached and does not target adequately communities that are traditionally more (disenfranchised). Lastly, Mr. Nolan expressed that often the least restrictive residential option for many people is to reside in the family home, but that resources (at the local and state levels) do not adequately support this option for families.			
The Arc of NOVA	Ms. Lucy Beadnell distributed and reviewed a handout entitled, "The Arc of Northern Virginia's May 2019 Legislative Update" (Attached)			
SRAP Follow-up	<p>C. Skelly presented a recap of last month's SRAP presentation by Jeannie Cummins from DBHDS; she referred to the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs) attached to the April 3rd minutes.</p> <p>Discussion on potential barriers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBHDS's communicating that Arlington will be required to have a critical start up number (commitment from 15 individuals) • Housing Assistance Bureau in process of policy and technical transformations 	SRAP Follow-up: Housing options under accommodations and exceptions; will need to have a follow up conversation with DBHDS	C. Skelly	Consider asking for consideration of less than (15) people

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	<p>Questions:</p> <p>Q1: Do get more people on SRAP, can we convert people with Arlington Housing Grants to SRAP?</p> <p>A1: No. If someone is already receiving housing assistance s/he would be disqualified from SRAP.</p> <p>Q2: Do we have an unmet need for housing that can be aided by SRAP?</p> <p>A2: This still needs to be determined.</p>	<p>Convene a second information session with Jeannie Cummins depending on response to DDS letter and other outreach efforts</p> <p>D. Budway agreed to post something on SRAP to SEPTA (Special Education Paren/Teacher Association)</p>	<p>L. Reid</p> <p>D. Budway</p>	
Other Housing Developments	Brief update on Gilliam Place			
Welcoming Inclusion Network (W.I.N.) Follow-up	<p>C. Skelly presented a recap of the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB W.I.N. presentation from the February 2019 DD Committee meeting and facilitated a discussion on interests in Arlington to replicate (W.I.N.) efforts specific to Group Supported Employment (GSE), as well as suggested next steps.</p> <p>Discussion highlights included:</p>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some individuals that want to work need more supervision with a higher staff to participant ratio There is a demand or need for smaller GSE ratios of participants to staff than the traditional 7:1 ratio. 	<p>Motion: That the DD Committee explore, with assistance from the Arlington County staff, whether or not it would be feasible to implement a similar model for Group Supported Employment and (that staff) report to the Committee at its September 4, 2019 meeting.</p>		
County Budget	<p>C. Skelly reported that the County Board approved 1.5 FTEs for the CSB, but left it to the Department and County Manager on how DHS shall use the additional position(s). C. Skelly shared that it is anticipated that a 0.5 FTE will be used to make the existing (vacant) part-time mental health position for DD supports a full time position.</p>			
Staff Updates	<p>L. Reid discussed letter sent under her signature to individuals ages 18 and older, not living in a group home or other supervised living setting, and not receiving other public housing assistance to explain SRAP and the opportunity for this resource to come to Arlington. L. Reid further shared that thus far the response has been limited to one guardian from Fairfax County.</p>			
Committee Chair Update(s)				
Vendor Updates	<p>No vendor updates</p>			
New Business	<p>None</p>			

The next regular DD Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm
2100 Washington Blvd., Conference Room D, Arlington, VA 22204

The Arc of Northern Virginia's May 2019 Legislative Update

General Assembly

- Bills are all signed and budget signed

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and DMAS

- EPSDT process no longer required for children under 21 requesting personal care hours
 - People will return to Waiver authorization process
- Appeal any cuts to hours that you feel do not meet your needs
 - Tips at <https://thearcofnova.org/content/uploads/sites/6/2019/01/Waiver-Personal-Care-Hours-Management-4.5.19.pdf>
- DOJ Hearing Notes from April 23rd

1. The Department of Justice and Virginia agree that there are more than 70 provisions in the agreement in which Virginia is in compliance.
2. The Department of Justice feels Virginia is out of compliance with 54 of the agreement's provisions, while Virginia feels they are out of compliance with only 39 provisions. Most of the discrepancies are due to the fact that Virginia feels they have recently come into compliance with a number of provisions that the Independent Reviewer and Department of Justice have not yet seen through evidence.
3. Case management was repeatedly highlighted as a "backbone" of our service system and a critical component of DD services.
4. Virginia feels its greatest successes are the creation of new Waiver slots, the closure of three training centers, the plan to close a fourth training center and downsize the fifth to 75 people, an increase in crisis response and prevention services, and growth in case management.
5. Virginia feels the area in which the most growth is needed is with quality management and they have a number of staff and data collection plans in place to tackle this need.
6. Virginia is working hard to revise our Individual and Family Supports Program, to increase the stock of providers serving people with complex needs, to grow a family mentoring program, and to increase employment options.
7. Judge Gibney clearly stated that even after the settlement agreement is over, the injunction against Virginia will not be lifted. Thus, Virginia will not have free reign to do whatever it wishes.
8. Judge Gibney made it very clear that Virginia needed to be in compliance with all provisions by June 30, 2020 and to maintain that compliance for a year to meet the conditions of the agreement.
9. Judge Gibney stated that any progress made under the agreement should remain after the agreement has ended, and that systems should be in place to prevent any erosion of that progress.
10. Within six months, the state and DOJ should decide on final metrics and timelines for measuring compliance with the thus unmet provisions of the settlement agreement. It is unclear if another public forum will be held at that time.

Other News

- Candidate Forums
 - May 13th for Fairfax Chairman-
<https://arcofnva.z2systems.com/np/clients/arcofnva/event.jsp?event=5926&>
 - May 16th for South Arlington through Annandale-
<https://arcofnva.z2systems.com/np/clients/arcofnva/event.jsp?event=5931&>
 - May 20th for Fairfax Senate and Commonwealth's Attorney-
<https://arcofnva.z2systems.com/np/clients/arcofnva/event.jsp?event=5936&>
 - Coming soon- Arlington Commonwealth's Attorney