

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

**DATE/TIME:** October 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm

**CHAIR:** Carol Skelly

**MEMBERS (in attendance):** Carol Skelly, Barbara Jones, Lynne Kozma, Moira Saucedo, Donna Budway, Alex Soroko, Roberto Herrera, and Cherie Takemoto; A quorum was satisfied.

**MEMBERS (absent/excused):** Ann Kelly, Casey Youman, Alex Yellin, Lucia Claster, Chuck Adkins-Blanch, and Nancy Tishman

**ATTENDEES:** Staff representatives of service providers: Linda Brinkley (MVLE), Jeff Lumpkins (MVLE), Brenda Richardson (ServiceSource), Jacque Scholl (ServiceSource), Terrell Jones (CRi), and Andrew Cuba (CRi), County staff: Deborah Warren (DHS/CSB Executive Director), Jeanne Booth (Division Chief, Aging and Disability Services Division), and 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: September 5, 2018 Minutes were approved with one amendment: Page five under “DD Waiver Priority Screening/Slot Allocation/WSAC” add in the number of allocated DD Medicaid Waivers by type (i.e., Community Living and Family and Individuals Supports) as shared by L. Reid at the meeting.

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<b>Public Comments</b>	No public comments			
<b>The Arc of NOVA</b>	No legislative updates as The Arc of NOVA was not in attendance. (It is noted that the previously scheduled meeting date was changed and the new date did not allow for staff attendance from the Arc of NOVA.)			
<b>Customized Employment</b>	<p>This topic is a continuation from the September 2018 meeting. The following are highlights from the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathways Model for Discovery (ServiceSource) has been the customized employment model more widely discussed by this Committee</li> <li>• In FY18, the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) launched a statewide Customized Employment training curriculum (facilitated by Griffin Hammis Associates)</li> <li>• Participants of the DARS training will be certified by DARS to provide customized employment</li> <li>• There are similarities and differences between the two models: the DARS model, in particular, does not include an “internship” component. The DARS case manager (or certified service provider) identifies resources for the individual (resource development)</li> <li>• Agencies providing customized employment must be CARF</li> </ul>			

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	<p>accredited (though the individual staff need to have participated in the DARS training and be certified as evidence of completing the training)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The DARS Customized Employment is not intended as a DD Medicaid Waiver service; participants can be Waiver or non-Waiver</li> <li>• Services is expected to be funded by DARS</li> <li>• Customized Employment is not currently a service included in the regional agreement for habilitation/employment services</li> </ul> <p>Question was raised as to the number of individuals (in Day Support) wanting to work that might benefit from this service?</p>	<p>At the January meeting, L. Reid will give an update on the approximately 22 to 25 individuals identified in the 2017 Employment Study conducted by staff.</p>		
<p><b>FY19 Graduates</b></p>	<p>L. Reid shared that nine graduates from Arlington Public School (APS) have been identified for School Year 2018-19 (SY19).</p> <p>DDS staff will begin this month (October) meeting with APS Transition Coordinators in planning for each SY19 graduate's transition to adult services.</p> <p>Staff are mindful from increasing trend of students exiting in prior (recent) years that</p>			

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	<p>moved on to NOVA Community College. These students are being tracked and will be included in future transition planning efforts (i.e., there were four graduates for FY18 that will need to be tracked during the FY20 transition planning year).</p> <p><u>Capacity Issues for Day Support</u> At present, there are 12 partners/contracted vendors under the regional habilitation/employment agreement, several of which are at capacity.</p> <p>Arlington is currently at capacity (52) for its Community Integration Center (CIC). The current capacity for our second Day Support program, ArlingtonWeaves, Etc., is 12 out of 14 slots. There are at least two active referrals for ArlingtonWeaves, Etc., so it's likely this program will reach capacity by the end of the school year.</p> <p>ServiceSource, which currently has eight sites, shared the Agency's intent of opening a new site (Springfield) in January 2019 to expand capacity for the region.</p> <p>D. Budway shared that Sparc has some current capacity.</p>			
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	<p>Questions from the Committee:</p> <p>Are Day Support services adequately funded?</p>	<p>It was discussed that Committee members would continue communication about this topic via e-mail between October and the January meeting.</p>		
<b>Self-Directed Services ~ Update</b>	<p>Staff are still anticipating a July 2019 launch date for this service</p> <p>Staff anticipate that DHS Director, Anita Friedman and DHS Deputy Director/CSB Executive Director, Deborah Warren, will brief the County Manager at the beginning of the new year. It is anticipated that the County Manager will determine whether or not this matter needs to go before the County Board.</p> <p>Staff previously met with the County Attorney's Office (CAO) about development of the parent agreement. The agreement is pending next steps with the County Manager and possibly the County Board.</p> <p>For Self-Directed Services, the individual must be open to DDS.</p>			
<b>Other Employment and Day Support Services: Report of Group Supported Employment</b>	<p>C. Skelly, C. Takemoto, and L. Kozma shared a recap of their recent enclave visits (County's cleaning crew and auto cleaning/detail at the Trade Center).</p> <p>Other topics</p>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at what PEP is training students for post-graduation? Is the program staying relevant?</li> <li>• Can the County offer small contracts for people with disabilities?</li> <li>•</li> </ul>			
<b>Staff Updates:</b>	L. Reid shared that she continues to work on the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the DD Medicaid Waivers, Waitlist Priority, and the slot assignment process.			
<b>Committee Chair Update(s)</b>				
<b>Vendor Updates</b>	None recorded			
<b>New Business</b>	A. Soroko shared that County staff in AED have been exploring an opportunity to have a “Made in Arlington” store in the new Ballston Commons Mall. This would be an initiative that furthers the support for Arlington Artists, including participants of ArlingtonWeaves, Etc. This would also be more ideal than perhaps kiosks that require longer hours, including weekends, for the program’s hours of operation. There was widespread interest amongst the Committee members for this idea.			

**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**