

ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
Developmental Disability Committee
Monthly Meeting

Date/Time: May 9, 2023

Location: HYBRID: 2100 Washington Blvd, Conference Room A, Arlington, VA 22204 | Microsoft TEAMS

IN-PERSON MEMBERS: Cherie Takemoto (Chair), Barbara Jones, Lynne Kozma, and Bertra McGann

VIRTUAL MEMBERS: Donna Budway

MEMBERS: (absent/excused): None

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: Joe Albert, Member, Arlington County Community Services Board (ACCSB); Staff: Deborah Warren, CSB Executive Director and DHS Deputy Director; Maimoona Bah-Duckenfield, Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) Director; Jennifer McKinney Acheson, ADSD-Clinical and Developmental Services Bureau (CDSB), Residential Contracts Analyst; Lauren Townsend, ADSD, CDSB Clinical Services Program Manager; and Thomas “Tom” Daly, Administrative Outreach Support Specialist, ADSD-CSCB

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:

Anthony Amankona-Diawuoh, Emma Budway, Lucia Claster, Jeannie Cummins (DBHDS), Cayla Harrison, Benjamin McGann, Paul Osgood, Dena Patel, Huong Pham, Liz Tefera, Nancy Tishman; Arc of Northern Virginia: Lucy Beadnell and Diane Monnig; Wendy Cranford, Chair, Arlington County Community Services Board (ACCSB); Service Providers: Andrea Blackmon (Service Source), Carrie Cortez (Volunteers of America); Staff: Anita Friedman, DHS Director; La Voyce Reid, ADSD Clinical and Developmental Services Bureau (CDSB) Director, and Jim Baker, ADSD Administrative Officer

RECORDER: Tom Daly

THIS MEETING CAN BE VIEWED AT: https://youtu.be/2v_6E2IPZQQ

CALL TO ORDER: C. Takemoto called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Resident and former DD Committee Chair C. Skelly noted that current long-term planning for additional Day Support and Employment Readiness facilities were now being developed as part of the FY2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and will require significant new County funding. More specific information on how the selection of the new location(s) and methods used to determine future client numbers was requested for review by the Committee. *C. Skelly shared questions and a chart that included information on program capacity projections (see attached).*

Paul Osgood expressed support for the State Rental Assistance Program that helps him live independently in his apartment.

MINUTES: On a motion made and seconded, the March 7, 2023 minutes were approved.

THE ARC OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

L. Beadnell presented the May 2023 legislative updates (see attached)

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FY2024 Developmental Services Annual Program Reviews: L. Reid, J. McKinney Acheson, and L. Goodman presented an overview of the seven Developmental Services programs within ADSD's Clinical and Developmental Services Bureau (CDSB):

- Support Coordination
- Employment and Habitation Services
- Residential Services including Permanent Supported Housing (PSH)
- Transportation
- Self-Directed Services
- Family Support
- Behavioral Health (DD Mental Health and Psychiatry) Services

L. Reid noted that all programs aim to create equitable access to resources and opportunities for County residents.

For details, see attached PowerPoint presentation.

Q1: What transportation service providers are available in addition to ModivCare?

A1: Metro Access is available, as well as parent and caregiver with reimbursement through ModivCare (if Waiver).

Q2: What discussions are being held about future funding via the FY2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)?

A2: J. Baker noted that CIP recommendations will be reviewed during the next few months for approval within the FY2025 budget. Input via the DD Committee and the Arlington County Community Services Board is ongoing, including how best to participate in the County's RFP processes.

Q3: Will there be a respite bed within the new 1212 Irving Street Group Home?

A3: Yes, 1 of the 5 beds will be set aside for respite care.

Q4: When will the new Employment Readiness Program be ready?

A4: Construction of the new facility is underway and expected to be finished by June 2023 with an anticipated opening sometime during Fall 2023. The RFP (for operation of the program) is also underway.

CHAIR REPORTS: C. Takemoto announced that she has asked Committee Member Bertra McGann to join her as Committee Co-Chair, following the structure of other Arlington County Community Service Board (ACCSB) Committees. A motion adding B. McGann as DD Committee Co-Chair was made, seconded and unanimously approved. Chair Takemoto also announced that former Committee member Joe Albert has been appointed as a new member of the Arlington County Community Services Board (ACCSB). The DD Committee's next "Listen and Learn" session will focus on Behavioral Supports and include information on behavioral intervention services and resources. The virtual session will be held on Tuesday, June 6th at 4:00pm.

The Committee discussed the addition of 10 new State Rental Assistant Program (SRAP) slots recently offered to Arlington DHS. Developmental; Services via the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Disability Services (DBHDS) as part of the DOJ settlement with Virginia.

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J. Cummins noted that nine of ten slots for FY2023 have been filled with one pending referral. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee asked the Community Services Board for acceptance of 10 State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP) slots from the DBHDS. This motion will be forwarded to the ACCSB.

VENDOR REPORTS: No Reports

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: C. Takemoto announced that Community Living Alternates (CLA) has vacancies in its new residential setting in Arlington.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Next DD Committee Meeting:
Tuesday, July 11th- 4:00 pm. – Hybrid - Teams and 2100 Washington Blvd, Lower-Level Auditorium