

MINUTES
SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES COUNCIL
JULY 5, 2012 - 10:00 A.M.
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICE
8004 FRANKLIN FARMS DRIVE
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
WILLIAM WILLIAMS, CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephanie Arnold, *Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)*
Senator George Barker, *Virginia State Senate*
Sue Cantrell, M.D., *Department of Health (DOH)*
Sheriff Timothy Carter, *Virginia Sheriffs' Association (VSA)*
Cynthia Cave, *Department of Education (DOE)*
W. Curtis Coleburn, *Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)*
Sherry Confer, *Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)*
Henry Harper, *Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY)*
Senator Mark R. Herring, *Virginia State Senate*
Jamie MacDonald, *Virginia Association of Community Services Boards/Prevention (VACSB-Prevention)*
Art Mayer, *Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)*
Charlene Motley, *Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP)*
Jean Mottley, *Department of Corrections (DOC)*
Ron Pritchard, *Virginia Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (VAADAC)*
Mellie Randall, *Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)*
Delegate Christopher P. Stolle, *Virginia House of Delegates*
Gina Thorne, *Virginia Associate of Drug Abuse Professionals (VADAP)*
William Williams, *Virginia Association of Community Services Boards/ SA Council (VACSB-SA)*

GUEST:

Mark Blackwell, *Substance Abuse Alliance Recovery Association (SAARA)*

STAFF:

Lynette Bowser, *DBHDS*
Karen DeSousa, *Office of the Attorney General*
Julie Truitt, *DBHDS*

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Will Williams, with introductions by those in attendance.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2012 MEETING

A motion was made by Ron Pritchard and seconded by Timothy Carter to accept the minutes of the May 10 meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Virginia Health Reform Initiative Update

Mellie Randall reported she has attended the Virginia Health Reform Initiative (VHRI) meetings as an observer. The focus of the meetings is to set up an infrastructure to address policy issues in preparation for establishing the pending healthcare exchange(s). At this point the Governor has not scheduled a special session of the legislature to enact legislation that would authorize the exchange. Specific topics addressed by the VHRI include establishing electronic health records (EHRs) infrastructure that will permit relevant state agencies to exchange information about individuals who are receiving multiple services, such as DMAS (Medicaid) and DBHDS state facilities. The inclusion of behavioral health as a part of the Essential Health Benefits has been discussed in a general way. At this point it is not known what direction the Administration or General Assembly will take in regards to expanding the pool of people eligible for Medicaid coverage. The recent Supreme Court ruling is clear that expansion is optional.

B. OTHER OLD BUSINESS: There was none at this time.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Electronic Meetings Informational Presentation (presentation available on SASC website)

Karen DeSousa, Office of the Attorney General, provided the Council with a summary of FOIA provisions relevant to its operation. The purpose of FOIA is to ensure citizens have access to records in the custody of public officials and to ensure free entry to meetings of public bodies wherein business of the people is being conducted. The statute requires members receive a copy of the Code of Virginia FOIA statute [§2.2-3702] within two weeks of appointment. Council members should read and become familiar with the provisions of the chapter

Ms. DeSousa stated that FOIA covers two general areas: meetings and records. She provided an overview of the definition of a meeting, as well as meeting requirements and meeting notice requirements, record requirements, meeting notices, meeting minutes, posting of minutes, and the availability of agenda packets when requested by a citizen were reviewed. Ms. DeSousa provided an overview of FOIA requirements related to meetings held in a closed session, how to convene a closed meeting, records of the Council that are considered “public” and records that are exempted from the public review.

Ms. DeSousa stated that recordings of the Council meetings are to be kept in accordance with the Library of Virginia’s record retention schedule. The draft of the meeting minutes are to be posted 10 days after the meeting to the Council’s website.

B. Electronic Meetings - Discussion

Ms. DeSousa indicated that FOIA allows electronic meetings if the site is publicized and available to the public. Members may participate telephonically from private sites if their residence is more than 60 miles from the site of the meeting.

C. Vice-Chair Nominations/Appointment

The Chair requested any nominations from the floor or volunteers to serve as Vice-Chair of the Council. Ron Pritchard volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair of the Council. A motion was made by Art Mayer and seconded by Tim Carter nominating Mr. Pritchard as Vice-Chair of the Council. The nomination was approved.

D. High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Presentation

Due to scheduling issues, this presentation will be tabled until a later date. HIDTA jurisdictions currently include northern and southwestern Virginia and Richmond. U.S. Drug Enforcement staff who work in HIDTA provide presentations related to designer drugs, prescription drug misuse, etc., and can advise about drug threats in these areas. Mr. Williams will schedule a presentation regarding HIDTA operations in Virginia related to treatment and law enforcement that will provide the Council with a view of how drug use issues are addressed through the HIDTA operations in Virginia.

E. Other Presentation Topics

Dr. Sue Cantrell reported recently attending a National Summit on Prescription Drug Abuse, which included a presentation on prescription monitoring programs. Dr. Cantrell requested the Council receive a report on Operation Unite (out of Kentucky) regarding outcomes and ongoing funding.

Dr. Cantrell indicating some concerns related to an issue recently addressed in the Board of Pharmacy newsletter regarding guidance on filling prescriptions for schedule II or higher drugs that were written by out of state physicians. She suggested that the Council consider this issue for recommendation in its report to the Governor and General Assembly to guide practice.

F. Discussion of the 2012 SASC Report and Plan

Ms. Randall stated that the Council's annual report is due to the Governor and General Assembly by October 1. The Council needs to identify issues to address in the 2012 report and plan. One emerging issue in Virginia as well as on a national level is the emergence of designer drugs also called "bath salts." Members were provided with an article on "bath salts". Mark Blackwell suggested the Council invite a speaker to provide a presentation on designer drugs. Additionally it was suggested that the HIDTA presentation could also help shape information that is included in the report and plan.

Mr. Blackwell discussed a recent TV report on the increased number of baby's being born addicted to prescription drugs and suggested that the Council consider including this topic in the report. Ms. Randall commented that data suggest that many women with this issue are not being referred for services as is required by the Code. This could be due to physicians not performing the screenings or lack of reporting by hospitals to Social Services or the CSBs. Senator Barker inquired about how data might be collected to further analyze this issue. Delegate Stolle shared that sometimes he meets delivering mothers for the first time at delivery and therefore has limited basis to decide whether or not she should be screened or referred.

A suggestion was made to include the Council's work plan in the report. Ms. Randall suggested that it may be more appropriate for the Council to have a retreat devoted to developing the work plan for 2013 instead of including the work plan in the report.

Ms. Randall suggested Council members provide additional suggestions for the report and plan prior to the meeting in August. A detailed outline of the report will be available for review by the next meeting.

V. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for August 30, location to be determined.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments from the public.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

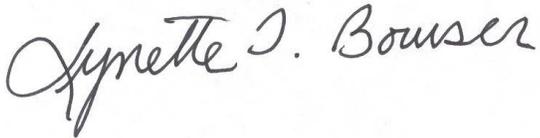
- Ron Pritchard announced that the Virginia Summer Institute of Addiction Studies will be held in Williamsburg on July 16 & 17. This is the 10th anniversary for the institute and 300 individuals are registered to attend.
- Ms. Randall stated that DBHDS is involved in two federal policy initiatives. One initiative is entitled "Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale" and focuses on person centered treatment service, utilizing evidenced based practices, peer supports and other practices that are considered recovery oriented. Each state sent a team to the policy conference in April to develop a plan. Virginia's plan is centered on the development of a forum that will be held in November or December. Out of 30 applicants, Virginia was one of eight states selected. This project has been granted \$50,000 through March 2013.

The other policy initiative focuses on the behavioral health needs of children entering the juvenile justice system. This initiative has been granted \$25, 000 and will also be funded through March 2013. Virginia's team is developing a pilot to use screening and assessment for behavioral health to divert children from entering the juvenile justice system by then providing them with necessary behavioral health services. DJJ is the other state partner in this project which is being implemented in the Lynchburg area, which was selected because the CSB serving that area has a

very rich menu of services for adolescents and very strong relationships with the court services units, school systems and social services.. The behavioral interventions will be tracked and data collected to determine if the interventions have impacted the juveniles re-offending.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynette T. Bowser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lynette T. Bowser