

Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families

February 28, 2018

NOTES

Attendance: John Andelin, Michael Brown, David Carlson, Bart Devon, Sheila Fleischhacker, Alicia Guajardo, Judy Hadden, Linda Henderson, Anne O'Brien, Devanshi Patel, Anne Vor der Bruegge, Anita Freidman, Rachel Harlan, Cintia Johnson, Cheryl Johnson, Tabitha Kelly, Laura Newton, Susan Noack, Sam Stebbins, Rick Strobach, Deborah Warren, Siobhan Grayson, Rebecca Hjelm, Sally LaBonte, Michael Swisher, Kim Durand

Destination 2027

Hannah Winant gave a brief overview of Destination 2027 (see attached power point). She also walked us through an exercise that demonstrates equity/disparity in Arlington. Sheila attends the regular meetings to represent APCYF, but several other APCYF members attend as well including Laura Newton, Anne Vor der Bruegge, Deborah Warren, and Kim Durand. Tricia Rogers and Abby Raphael are the community co-chairs. The next meeting is on March 19th at 3:00 for anyone that is interested.

Budget and Advocacy

Anne O'Brien introduced this agenda item as an opportunity to discuss our priorities in relation to the county and school's budget to ensure that the programs that support children, youth and families continue to be funded. Agency members were invited to share their proposed cuts/concerns for us.

Anita Friedman gave an overview of the cuts for Dept. of Human Services.

Cheryl Johnson discussed the cuts from Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

Susan Noack with Police shared her concerns for her department overall.

Rachel Harlan with Libraries and Rick Strobach with Juvenile Justice both reported that their respective budgets are not being cut in a way that effects the work of APCYF.

Laura Newton discussed the proposed delay in hiring the Psychologists and Social workers for APS along with some other proposed cuts, and Cintia Johnson also with APS shared additional concerns and challenges.

Discussion Items

The bulk of the discussion was around the APS Psychologists and Social Workers. The FY19 budget proposes that the 3rd year additional staff be delayed for a year. Our data show, along with recent events and the growing student population, the importance of increasing the staff as originally planned. The additional staff would support the Tiered System of Support and Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan. This is not something that should be delayed at this time. The addition of a Substance Abuse Counselor as recommended by the Student Services Advisory Committee was also discussed. We will advocate strongly for these items citing YRBS data, TNB input, increased enrollment, and current climate. Staff will be meeting to discuss the challenges and opportunities for further collaboration to support each other's efforts to increase the wellbeing of our youth.

This led to a frank discussion of taking a hard look at who is doing what – where can we better collaborate, and how can we be creative in working together. It is imperative that we move resources around to follow the priorities and issues, and that we look at the continuum of care across the systems.

Additionally, we discussed Data Sharing and Prevention. Data sharing could help with connecting kids and families to the services they need. A coordinated and structured prevention plan could help with shared resources. If we have a clear understanding of who is doing what, we could avoid duplication of efforts, and support each other with our resources.

Upcoming Meetings and Information

March 2 9:00 Second Chance, Sequoia Room D

March 6 6:30 – 8:30 Teen Network Board, Central Library

March 12 3:00 Child Care Initiative Workgroup, Sequoia Auditorium

March 13 4:00 READY Coalition, Sequoia Room D

March 13 6:00 Planning & Development, Sequoia Room D

March 15 6:00 Let's Talk about Drugs & Alcohol, Kenmore Middle School, Black Box
READY Coalition event for parents and their teens to talk with each other

March 17 8:30 – 12:15 Your Child's Development Resource Fair, Kenmore Middle School
Workshops and a Resource Fair for Arlington Parents and Caregivers of Infants and Preschoolers

March 19 7:30 Yorktown PTA Project Peace, Promoting Healthy Dating

March 20 7:30 HB PAC Project Peace, Promoting Healthy Dating

SPRING BREAK - March 26 – 30

April 5 6:30 Project Peace: What Men, Boys, and Everyone Need to Know, Yorktown

April 6 9:00 – 11:30 Joint County Board/School Board Work Session

Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families: APCYF

Here are some common acronyms we use:

ACF – Arlington Community Foundation
ACG – Arlington County Government
ACI – Advisory Council on Instruction (with APS)
AHC - Arlington Housing Corporation
APAH – Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing
APCYF – Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families
APEN – Arlington Parent Education Network
APS – Arlington Public Schools
BHB – Behavioral Health Bureau (of CFSD)
BYB – Buckingham Youth Brigade
CCI – Child Care Initiative
CCPTA – Arlington County Council of PTAs
CEP – Community Engagement Process
CFAC – Care for a Change
CFSD – Child and Family Services Division
CIS – Communities in Schools
CSB – Community Services Board
CSCS – Carlin Springs Community School
DPR – Dept of Parks & Rec
DHS – Dept of Human Services
ECC – Early Childhood Committee
ELT – Extended Leadership Team
FACE – Family and Community Engagement
FYI – For Your Information
HCAT – Healthy Community Action Team
JFAC – Joint Facilities Advisory Commission
LA – Leadership Arlington
MHFA – Mental Health First Aid
MHTF – Mental Health Task Force
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding
MWR – Mental Wellness Roundtable
NVFS – Northern Virginia Family Services
OST – Out of School Time Council
PAD – Planning and Development Committee
PIP – Policy Implementation Procedure
READY – Reduce or Eliminate Alcohol Use by Youth
SHAB – School Health Advisory Board
SRO – School Resource Officer
SSAC – Student Services Advisory Council
TNB – Teen Network Board
TSS – Tiered Systems of Support



Did you hear one that
we didn't note?

Let us know and we'll
add it!