

THE ARLINGTON PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

September 26, 2018

Notes

Attendance: John Andelin, Janetta Brewer, Bart Devon, Sheila Fleischhacker, Judy Hadden, Anne O'Brien, Anne Vor der Bruegge, Rachel Harlan, Cintia Johnson, Cheryl Johnson, Tabitha Kelly, Rick Strobach, Kimberly Baldini, Emily Ward, Marsha Pharr, Kim Durand, Rebecca Hjelm, Sally LaBonte, and Michael Swisher.

APCYF Process Guidelines

A document outlining a process for decision making was shared. After some conversation and suggested edits, Kim will revise and share with the full APCYF (see attached). All agreed that it was good to have a process in place, but recognized the need for variance on a case-by-case basis. We don't get too many of these requests in a year, so it shouldn't be an issue, but it is nice to have a check-list to start from. Kim will also create an on-going list of requests to share with APCYF so that everyone will have an idea of the types of requests that come in and the outcomes of each.

Out-of-School Time Charter

The Out-of-School Time (OST) Council is updating their charter and shared it with APCYF for input (see attached). They will finalize the document and share with the appropriate school and county board members.

Court Services Presentation & Discussion

Rick Strobach shared the highlights of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court (see attached). Some interesting points were that delinquency is declining, but the youth that are involved need more services i.e. mental health, dual diagnosis, trauma, etc. The probation officers are having to change the way they do things to provide the appropriate services. There is a group of people in the county working together to look at this overall.

Questions/Conversations:

- His office would like more opportunities to work with APS to help with prevention/early intervention – we don't want to wait for a child to be court involved to be able to help them.
- Space issues are difficult because you can't mix the populations, they need to be separate, but what could we do to arrange things in a way to maximize the spaces that are being used.
- A question came up about youth with intellectual disabilities and what accommodations are made, Rick said they are looking at that and other minority populations to better serve their needs.
- There was a discussion of the prison pipeline and the zero tolerance programs that seem to target children of color – APS is working with the SROs and looking specifically at the Arlington data to try to address the issue
- There is an initiative called ACPD Cares, and there is a new MOU between APS and SROs.
- The idea of a Mental Health Court was suggested as a possible opportunity to catch kids/families in a way to support them, rather than penalize.

History/Data Walk of Past Surveys and Reports

APCYF has been involved with many initiatives, surveys and reports over the past 20 years. We posted some highlights around the room to generate discussion and to get members interested in the upcoming Your Voice Matters data that will be released October 16th and the Community Report, which will be released in January. If you are interested in working on the Community Report committee, the next meeting is on November 7th, where the content will be finalized. Contact Rebecca Hjelm if you are interested in participating in this work. rhjelm@arlingtonva.us

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Oct 9 4:00 READY Coalition, Sequoia Room D
- Oct 9 6:00 Planning & Development, Sequoia Room D
- Oct 16 6:00 Your Voice Matters Data Demonstration, Fairlington Community Center
- Oct 24 6:00 APCYF Meeting, Sequoia Auditorium
- Oct 22 7:00 Middle School Information Night
- Oct 29 7:00 High School Information Night

NEXT MEETING: October 24, 2018