



July 31, 2019

Notes

Attendance: John Andelin, Michael Brown, Dave Carlson, Bart Devon, Sheila Fleischhacker, Barbara Gomez, Judy Hadden, Anne O'Brien, Anne Vor der Bruegge, Kimberly Baldini, Lisa Kaplowitz, Laura Newton, Oliver Russel, Rick Strobach, Nancy Van Doren, Ben Picot, Anne Marie Douglass, Kristin Pickle, Siobhan Grayson, Rebecca Hjelm, Sally LaBonte, Michael Swisher, Kim Durand

Community Report Update

The Community Report has been presented to several organizations, including School Health Advisory Board, Child & Family Services Division, Libraries, and Arlington Family Engagement Network, which includes representatives from SCAN, APS, Extended Day, 4-H and others. Several more dates are scheduled in August and September.

We continue to collect additional information from these people, which we will report back to our stakeholders and it will help us guide our advocacy efforts, identify areas we may need additional data, and inform program strategies.

Committee Information:

- **Mental Health & Wellness Committee Update** – Chairs Barbara Gomez & Alicia Guajardo
This committee was formed in 2011 to fill the need of community outreach and parent communications. Currently writing a letter to the School Board to support more Mental Health supports in schools. This committee is also working on a Resource Guide for the community to know where to go/who to call when help is needed.
- **Early Childhood Committee** – Chair Anne O'Brien
This committee has most recently been active in support of the Child Care Initiative Advocacy efforts at the state level. They meet as needed to support initiatives like the Week of the Young Child, and the Your Child's Development Resource Fair, among others.
- **Planning & Development Committee** – Chair Sheila Fleischhacker
This committee further discusses items that come up during meeting, strategizes how to engage members, develops agendas, and provides guidance to the overall APCYF. ALL members of APCYF are encouraged to join in the conversations. Currently meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. Next meeting is on August 13th at 6:00pm.

APCYF and Other Committees:

Exercise: Write your other committee involvement on sticky notes and post them on flip charts under the broad topics of the Community Report: Safe, Supported, Physical Health, Well-Being, Challenged and Engaged.

Goal: To see where we might strengthen/streamline our efforts.

SEE ATTACHED EXCEL SHEET

If you think of other committees or want to edit the name or information you provided, please let me know. This is a great picture of our reach into the community!

APCYF Planning – Bart shared his vision for the next steps for APCYF:

(1) In an effort to include everyone in the planning process, and also to ease logistical burdens, there won't be a new Strategic Plan Committee -- I intend to house the planning process in the existing Planning and Development meetings, and I encourage everyone to call in if they can't make it in person -- I often do.

(2) Looking ahead, our advocacy efforts typically steer us towards the County and School Boards, but there's no reason we can't make recommendations to other stakeholders, especially community leaders, which, depending on the issue, might turn out to be more effective -- or speedier, at least. I think we should keep this in mind as we develop our advocacy and community engagement strategies on any given issue.

(3) I think it's important that we keep in mind the difference between things that we *care about* and things that we're *doing* at any given moment -- we can't be all things to all people all of the time. The sheer number of topics that fall under our purview is staggering -- with almost no mental gymnastics, we can make the argument that, really, *any issue* that touches a community touches families. I think we can have a greater impact on the communities we serve if we focus our efforts more deliberately instead of trying to take on everything.

(4) That said, I think it's totally proper for us to monitor the issues we care about in an ongoing way, even if we don't have any pressing advocacy efforts on some of those issues *right now*; the nature of our work is that none of our issues ever really goes away -- they just change. Our mission is not to solve everything (or any one thing), just to make a dent. I envision us concentrating on some topics now and some topics later, depending on community need and evidenced by our data collection and analysis.

(5) By way of planning, I think we should use the 5-topic framework we've already developed for the Community Report. Under each of those headings, I think we should lay out a set of **three-year priorities** (the issues we care about) with **one-year goals to accomplish**. Planning on this timeline will keep our priorities tied to our three-year data collection and give us continuity of effort from year to year over the course of the data's lifecycle (and through leadership transitions). Meanwhile the annual goals -- which by definition will lay out achievable outcomes -- will keep us focused in our activities over the course of a year and provide us with demonstrable achievements that will continue to build our reputation in the community for getting things done and, over time, improve our advocacy.

There will be plenty more to come on this, so don't be shy about letting Sheila, Kim, Anne, and me your thoughts, and don't forget to come or call into Planning and Development!

RETREAT OPTIONS: [DOODLE POLL](#)

- November 20th – hold an extended meeting 5:30 – 9:00 with pot-luck?
- Or Saturday morning – Nov 9 or 16 8:30 – 12:00 with breakfast refreshments?

Announcements

County Fair – August 16, 17, 18

We will be in the area marked Arlington Cares and will be with others from Dept of Human Services.

Lunch & Learn – Aug 8th at 12:00 in Sequoia Auditorium.

NEXT MEETING: August 28th – Potluck Party to Celebrate 20 Years! 6:00 – 8:00 at Quincy Park.



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Join us to celebrate **20 Years**
of work to support Arlington's Children, Youth, & Families!

ALL are welcome!

Particularly if you are or have been on a committee,
part of the TNB, attended an event, participated in READY Coalition,
Out-of-School Time Council, Second Chance, Carlin Springs Community School, Project Peace,
if know any current or past members, or are interested in joining us!

August 28, 2019

Potluck Party | 6:00 – 8:00pm | Quincy Park

1021 N Quincy St, Arlington, VA 22201

(Rain Location: 2100 Washington Blvd., Lower Level Auditorium)

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