

Arlington Community Services Board (CSB)
Children and Youth Committee
3/6/17 – Department of Human Services, 2100 Washington Boulevard,

Committee Present: Frank Haltiwanger, Joanne Del Torro, Marguerite Tomasek,

Guests: Adele McClure (Arlington resident), Hannah Grieco (Arlington resident)

Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) Staff: Tiffany Lee, Sharon Lawrence, Violetta Battle, Jana Lee,

Arlington County Public Schools:

Called to Order: 6:26pm

Presentation:

Hannah Greico: Presentation on her experience accessing services with her son who was diagnosed as BiPolar. Discussed difficulties finding a psychiatric bed for her son so far away. VHC is a mile away from her home, but she has to drive miles away to an available hospital in Maryland. Would like to share testimony in support of VHC Land Purchase. Many parents have reached out to her with similar stories. FAPT is not well known throughout Arlington, school social workers and staff are not recommending these services or making them available.

Q: Systemic issues with integration of services? Is there a lapse in communication happening in the schools.

A: Schools seem to not be aware of resources or isn't communicating options to parents.

Q: How does the Social Worker got brought into the fold? When is the social worker brought in?

A: The teacher should be flagging behaviors. Attendance is the biggest indicator, then an IET, then to student study committee.

Frank: Finding stories of parents who are problem areas but also finding those that are working. Student services has had a lot of changeover in the last few years, these changes continue to happen. There is a systemic and long term communication problem between DHS and APS, has gotten better, but is still in progress. We need to gather info about where this is happening.

Similar accounts should be shared with Frank and Joanne, issues can be taken to special education advisory committee. We will generalize accounts, and would not disclose personal identification.

Minutes review/approval: Motion to adopt by Marguerite, seconded and approved.

Monthly Stats/Outreach Updates/Upcoming:

New Business:

Joanne to reach out to Young Adult Mental Health rep to do joint meeting. Increase in opioid use in adults as well as youth, would be a great idea for someone from Substance Abuse to speak to what they are seeing with substance abuse. Would be good for us to see how these things are manifesting, what

signs are we on the lookout for. Carlin Springs should be the site visit, there was a program where a social worker was embedded in the school with the concept of being able to deliver services on the premises verses a referral, she is an on-going part of the school community. We discussed a site visit before, but Sharon will follow up. This site visit would replace the monthly CSB, Sharon would follow up. April 3rd is the proposed date for Carlin Springs. May 2nd will focus on Substance Abuse.

Old Business:

Announcements:

March 16th: Whole Child Conference

Next Meeting: