

**Arlington Community Services Board (CSB)
Children and Youth Committee
3/28/2018 – Department of Human Services, 2120 Washington Blvd**

Committee Present: Asha Patton-Smith, Janine Finnell, Frank Haltiwanger, Marguerite Tomasek

Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) Staff: Oliver Russell, Deborah Warren (DHS Deputy Director), Jana Lee, Tiffany Lee

Called to Order: 6:00pm

Minutes review/approval: January minutes approved.

Monthly Stats/Outreach Updates: Lock and Talk program was discussed. The prevention program has embarked on an ambitious effort to distribute free cable and trigger locks for firearms as well as locking medication boxes. The free gun locks are accompanied by the message that the best strategy for protecting a person at risk is to remove firearms from the home until a mental health crisis has passed. Updates on the progression of this effort will continue to be reported out to the committee. For more information, see Lock and Talk Arlington handout.

Teen Hangout: Teen Hangout is a series of groups facilitated by Arlington DHS at local community centers where teens can hang out with peers to discuss current events, discuss coping skills, and other important issues. Progress on this initiative will be reported at subsequent meetings. For additional information, see Teen Hangout handout.

New Business: Same Day Access: CFSD Behavioral Health Bureau is implementing Same Day Access to ensure timely access to behavioral healthcare services in compliance with legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2017. SDA means that clients are able to receive an intake on a walk-in basis, no appointment or screening needed. CFSD will pilot Same Day Access in April and in May it will be announced to the community. For more details on this topic please see Same Day Access Handout.

DHS is also working on bringing a pharmacy to the Sequoia 3 building. The pharmacy will serve clients across the CSB, provides delivery service and is accessible to both clients and staff. Through this pharmacy, Naloxone will be provided to those at risk of overdose as a precautionary measure. Payment resources will be available for those who may not be able to afford their medication. Progress will continue to be reported out at subsequent meetings.

The Behavioral Health Community Assessment is underway. Stakeholder interviews and surveys are currently being analyzed and a supporting action plan is being drafted. This action plan is intended to bring the new Behavioral Health Bureau Chief up to speed on steps that need to be taken to move the bureau forward. The committee should receive an update during the month of May.

Old Business: N/A

Announcements: The next meeting will either be an introduction of the new Behavioral Health Bureau Chief or a presentation from the Partnership.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2018
2120 Washington Blvd

1st Floor, Room 112