

**Arlington Community Services Board (CSB)
Children and Youth Committee
January 16, 2019**

Committee Present: Wendy Carria, Marguerite Tomasek, Joanne Del Toro, Betsy Greer, Asha Patton, Janine Finnell

Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) Staff: Shari Lyons, Tiffany Lee, Jamii PremDas, Kim Durand

Visitor: Kathy Panfiel

Called to Order: 6:00 pm

Minutes: Approved and adopted

Same Day Access: Mrs. PremDas reviewed Same Day Access data with the committee. In December there were 23 walk ins and 16 were admitted. This represents a 69% admission rate. The data has been disaggregated by specific demographics (age, gender, zip code) per the committee's recommendation last month. Ms. PremDas discussed the implementation of Child Welfare Supportive Counseling and its impact on Same Day Access. There has been an increase in the number of youth receiving services. This increase can be attributed to Same Day Access. Currently, Wednesday evening Same Day Access hours are the most popular. The Bureau will continue to adjust hours according to need. The committee requested a breakdown of the age data (6-11 and 12-17) to identify trends. It was also requested that the age data be cross tabbed by gender. This data will be presented at the next committee meeting. The committee requested that each Arlington zip code be analyzed to determine which areas are not utilizing agency behavioral health services and brainstorm ways to outreach to those areas.

New Business:

DLA-20

Mrs. PremDas provided a handout explaining the Daily Living Activities Functional Assessment (DLA-20). This assessment is completed at intake and is used to measure current functioning. The assessment is completed every 90 days and is used to assess current progress. This tool is used to assess functioning but may not necessarily lead to a diagnosis. Currently, the clinicians are completing the assessment in 30 mins. but it is anticipated that this time will decrease as the clinicians become more familiar with the tool.

Prevention Groups with APS

The bureau is currently in the process of scheduling prevention groups. DHS staff has met with the Department of Parks and Recreation to re-establish groups. It is important to identify topics and locations that are relevant to the youth. The plan is to re-establish the groups in Spring 2019.

CR2

The agency is monitoring CR2 capacity and determining what services are not being met. The schools are also working with CR2 and have been very responsive. A parent has to provide consent and a youth has to consent in order for CR2 to respond to the school. There was a discussion about the possibility of CR2

being abused but this is not currently an Arlington issue. Ms. Greer will bring “What is a Crisis” document to the next meeting to review with the committee. The RFP scope of work has not yet been posted. NCG can rebid but the agency is open to other offers as well. Retention at NCG has improved due to transportation system (Shoretell), new supervisors, increase in staff satisfaction and shift changes.

Diversion First

Mrs. PremDas is working on the job description for this position. Mrs. PremDas will show the draft of the job description to Mrs. Patton for input and feedback (if this is okay). Mrs. PremDas will provide the committee with an update during the next committee meeting.

Introduction to System of Care

Mrs. Lyons provided an overview of the System of Care. The committee discussed that there should be an emphasis on engaging transition aged youth and to bolster the “hand off” process. It is important to make sure that these youth are not lost in the transition process. The bureau is currently aligning practices to ensure that we are teaming and not just co-located. The System of Care team will primarily focus on system based components of services instead of child based. The committee recommended that the team include private schools and the home schooled population when collaborating with the area schools. Mrs. Carria indicated that she will assist with making this information available.

Announcements: Ms. Durand disseminated the Arlington Partnership for Children Youth and Families (APCYF) meeting minutes.

During the next committee meeting Ms. Durand will conduct a community needs assessment to assist with the completion of the Promoting Safe & Stable Families (PSSF) application.

The committee needs to discuss the plan for future meetings and revisit speakers that will present in the upcoming meetings.

Next Meeting:

February 20, 2019 at 6:00pm

*****This meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The next meeting is now scheduled for March 20, 2019 at 6:00pm*****