

Arlington Community Services Board – Children and Youth Committee

June 11, 2012

Committee Present: Shauna Alonge, Janine Finnell, Betsy Greer, Linda Staheli, Marguerite Tomasek, Naomi Verdugo

Staff: Tom Wallace (minutes)

1. Call to order: meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Naomi Verdugo.
2. Review of May 7 minutes: Naomi Verdugo recommended several wording changes. Minutes were approved with these changes.
3. Monthly statistics: The latest monthly measures were circulated, covering the fiscal year to date (July through May). Tom Wallace reviewed some of the significant items, including an uptick in the number of clients seen at the juvenile-detention home. The “youth in residential care receiving intensive services” measure will be simplified in the new fiscal year to read: “youth in residential care.”
4. Recruitment update: Tom Wallace provided an update on recruiting. Interviews for the vacant behavioral healthcare supervisor position have been completed. A strong slate of candidates was interviewed. Expectation is to make an offer by June 15. A 30-hour intake therapist position is in the process of being developed and will be recruited soon. The intake therapist will help streamline the intake process and make scheduling easier. The full-time, non-contract psychiatrist position is in recruitment through Justine Larson, CSB Medical Director, and is expected to be filled soon as well. Tom Wallace provided an update on the changes that will come to the substance-abuse prevention program when the current FTEs retire early next year. Discussions about use of these positions will occur over the next few months.
5. Agenda planning: The latest draft of the agenda-planning calendar was circulated. Committee members were invited to share ideas for agenda items. The calendar will be attached to monthly minutes and will remain in a draft state as the agendas evolve.
6. New and old business: The Committee engaged in a discussion about marketing children’s behavioral healthcare services in the community. The goal is to educate the community and spread the word about services and how to access them. Various methods for information dissemination were discussed, including putting materials in the schools’ “first-day packets,” partnering with PTAs, the Parent Resource Center, and the Arlington Special Education Advisory Committee. Kurt Larrick, DHS Communications Manager, will be invited to attend the July meeting to assist with developing a marketing plan.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to join the Mental Health Committee for a joint meeting that focused on transition services for youth and young adults.

Next meeting: Monday, July 9, at 4:00 p.m., in lower level room C at 2100 Washington Blvd.

Action Items:

- Kurt Larrick to be invited to July 9 meeting to discuss marketing plans. Committee members to send outreach ideas to Linda Staheli.
- Program review table to be updated and circulated for FY 14 budget discussions.
- Agenda-planning calendar to be circulated monthly, with Committee members encouraged to contribute ideas. *To be sent via e-mail with minutes.*
- Committee members have requested a list of services provided by agencies who responded to the RFQ. *In process.*