

Arlington Community Services Board (CSB)
Children and Youth Committee
2/6/17– Department of Human Services, 2100 Washington Boulevard, Room A

Committee Present: Asha Patton-Smith, Betsy Greer, Marguerite Tomasek

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

Called to Order: 6:35pm

Minutes review/approval: Betsy G. moved to approve minutes, seconded by Marguerite T.

Monthly Stats/Outreach Updates/Upcoming: Ages 12-15 being served in fewer numbers, still awaiting reasons why?

Q: Are our residential homes capable of dealing with dual diagnosis?

A: Yes, some may be better than others, but yes

Q: Trouble placing youth? Any back logs? Any kids in Commonwealth?

A: Not currently, could change.

We try to use Lightpost funding when we can, Commonwealth is far and is harder for younger kids. Very difficult to get family members to visit when child is that far. Insurance is a problem for the child to stay of Dominion.

Outreach updates were discussed.

New Business:

Committee reviewed CFSD Org Chart

Group still waiting on Kognito licenses to be sent by Sharon

Budget needs to be addressed at next meeting, .5 BIS worker that is Spanish speaking. CFSD initially discussed 1 FTE and now just .5 FTE, more information needed for March meeting.

Old Business:

Announcements:

VHC Meeting: Catalyst is Virginia Hospital Center covets the lands where the Jerry center, Edison complex is. The option is to have a land sale/swap to handle it. CSB has come up with a list of issues that affect people with MI, has been trying to persuade VHC to accept them, asks are additional psych. Beds, now only 18, the ask is for at least 20 more. Currently they take no children and the adult psych ward is not in a very desirable place. CSB also asking for an emergency department to deal with psychiatric patients, also an inpatient psch ward to treat adolescents and adults. Committee decided since this is a pivotal time, we would ask for everything and then go from there. Meeting on 2/5 County has told Hospital that they have to get state approval to get certificate of need to get hospital beds. They are filing with the NOVA Regional Planning Group, expected to be finalized next week. Hospital likely to request 100 licensed beds, for medical surgical and not for psychiatric. They will be reviewed and the board will make

a recommendation and have a public hearing. CSB and others will have the opportunity to testify. Our group is meeting with the County Manager to present our position. The message will be to hold the line, it is not a community hospital because it does not address children or those with MI. The decision is expected to be made by April, has to go to Richmond, not expecting much before April to have anything happen.

Currently licensed for 40 beds, because they throw in SA with MI, they will say we have beds, but they're rooms are all doubles, this is problematic for Coed use. Because of this fact, numbers make Arlington look like they are on top of things, Fairfax applied for 30 beds but includes children. When the Woodburn land became available Fairfax took over that land, encouraged by the advocacy of the CSB. They have an Obstetrics unit but need more beds for this group as well. Our ask may be tough but we will continue to provide updates. 2 County board members were present and DHS was well represented.

Data on Outcomes: Systems don't necessarily talk to each other, in the process of streamlining communication

Number of cases closed and those that come back within a year, can it be added to monthly stats?

SA: Marguerite reported the percentage of increase in treated substance abuse went up 400% death went of 25%. #1 was Cocaine.

Adjourned at 7:50pm

Next Meeting: Monday, March 6, 2017
Department of Human Services
2100 Washington Boulevard,
Lower Level, Room A
6:30- 8:00 pm