

## **Arlington Community Services Board – Children and Youth Committee**

**July 8, 2013**

Committee Present: Linda Staheli, Naomi Verdugo

Apologies: Shauna Alonge, Janine Finnell, Betsy Greer, Marguerite Tomasek

Staff: Tom Wallace (minutes)

1. Call to order: meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Naomi Verdugo.
2. Minutes review/approval: The minutes from the June 10 meeting were approved.
3. Presentation from Fredy Martinez, court liaison: Mr. Martinez provided an overview of his work as the court liaison, a new position which started in the fall of 2011. In fiscal year 2013 (through April), Mr. Martinez served 166 unduplicated young people at the court. He shared demographic information, including age (most are between 15 and 17) and race/ethnicity (larger numbers of Hispanic and African-American teens than other groups). He talked about his impact on the culture at the court, including being seen as a resource on behavioral health issues, and helping probation officers get a fuller, less punitive, picture of their clients. Committee members asked what Mr. Martinez would like to see as the program continues. His ideas included training in behavioral health issues for the probation staff and strengthening the interagency truancy committee.

Committee members were impressed with the outcomes of Mr. Martinez's services and would like to see these widely circulated. Mr. Martinez is going to present to the full CSB in an upcoming meeting, and an article will be drafted for possible publication in NAMI's magazine.

4. Monthly statistics: Tom Wallace circulated the monthly statistics. There were no significant changes from last month.
5. Diagnoses of children served by the CSB: Tom Wallace circulated information about primary diagnoses received by children served by the Behavioral Healthcare Bureau in fiscal year 2013. Specific diagnoses as well as broader diagnostic categories were included. The most common diagnostic category is mood disorders (depression, bipolar, etc.), accounting for 28.6% of the primary diagnoses. This is followed by anxiety disorders at 14.1%, and attention disorders at 13.8%. Questions about diagnoses and categories were answered.
6. Call screening data January-June 2013: calculations of this data were in process at the time of the meeting. The document will be circulated to the committee with the minutes for review and approval before submission to the larger CSB.
7. Budget priorities: priorities are due earlier this year than in previous years. The committee discussed potential areas of priority, including a grant researcher and writer, which was included in previous year's priorities, funding for public relations efforts, and increased services

for youth in transition. The committee will work on these priorities via e-mail, as they are due before the next meeting in September.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, September 9, at 4:00 p.m., in room A on the lower level of the Stambaugh Building, 2100 Washington Boulevard.