

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE HYBRID**  
**ARLINGTON COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES**

April 24, 2024

The **Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families** convened its meeting from **6:00-7:30pm** on **4/24/24**.

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| <b>COMMISSIONER</b>        | David Carlson       |
| <b>PRESENT (IN-PERSON)</b> | Karen Herrling      |
| <b>COMMISSIONER</b>        | Gary Shulman        |
| <b>PRESENT (VIRTUALLY)</b> | Janetta Brewer      |
|                            | Stephanie Browne    |
|                            | Kristen Reilly      |
| <b>ABSENT</b>              | Carolina Callinicos |
|                            | Andrew Campbell     |
|                            | Taja Iglesias       |
|                            | Megan Mack          |
|                            | Scott Taylor        |
| <b>STAFF</b>               | Roya Candia         |
|                            | Kristina Cecere     |
|                            | Tabitha Kelly       |
|                            | Courtney Martin     |
|                            | Linh Nghe           |
|                            | Deborah Warren      |

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**SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

**Data & Data Committee Update:** Kristina Cecere, Data Specialist

Kristina Cecere shared that the Your Voice Matters survey has concluded as of April 12<sup>th</sup> with preliminary results released internally through the Panorama dashboard. 2024 saw an increase in student response rate to 77.6% from 62.8% in 2022. The data will be released through the Panorama dashboard to the public in mid-June.

The APCYF data committee previously met in April and will meet again with more targeted conversations about data trends once the new data is available this summer.

**Approval of APCYF Minutes:** Roya Candia, Program Specialist, APCYF & TNB

Two-thirds of commission members were not present in person; this item will be moved to the May agenda. Roya Candia will send out a draft version of the notes from January-April prior to the May meeting for review before approval.

**Arlington Unites May 18 Event-** Roya Candia, Program Specialist, APCYF & TNB

Roya Candia provided updates related to the upcoming Arlington Unites event on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon break-out sessions continue to be developed with current offerings of Parents Supporting Youth Well-being; Youth Substance Use Trends, Actions, Resources, & Responses; Safe Spaces (Arlington Dept of Parks & Recreation and Arlington Public Libraries); Youth Being Seen & Heard; Lift Up Virginia & Arlington Youth; and Social & Emotional Competencies (Arlington Public Schools).

Courtney Martin provided an update on the confirmed vendors. 12 organizations have confirmed they will be participating in the information fair. An additional 18 organizations are pending with a vendor participation deadline of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Linh Nghe shared that he is ordering giveaways for the event, including a notebook, pen, and bag to collect resources from the information fair.

There is a current push for volunteers, both among APCYF and beyond to community members. A volunteer orientation session will be held and recorded on May 15<sup>th</sup>. There will also be an informational hand-out on the day of the event for any volunteers unable to attend or listen to the recorded volunteer orientation session.

- [APCYF Volunteer Sign-Up Genius](#)
- [General Volunteer Sign-Up Genius](#)

**Additional Updates/Information/Announcements-** Dave Carlson, APCYF Co-Chair

Wendy Crawford shared updates about Mental Health First Aid (MHFA). Arlington County and Arlington Public Schools collaboratively taught the first Spanish MHFA course last week to 15 participants. Additionally, ~10 staff members were trained in Teen Mental Health First Aid to teach teens how to respond to mental health challenges among their peers.

Linh Nghe will be presenting on culturally responsive mental health outreach at the statewide prevention conference on Tuesday. He will discuss co-creating PSA's (English & Spanish) with youth in the community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.