

Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families

February 24, 2014

Attendees: John Andelin, Rachel Bedell, Michael Brown, Bill Browning, Dave Carlson, Jeffrey Carpenter, Earl Conklin, Alisa Cowen, Kim Durand, Barbara Gomez, Rebecca Goodhart, Siobhan Grayson, Judy Hadden, Rachel Harlan, LaVeta Logan, Linda Henderson, Cintia Johnson, Tyler Laredo, Anne O'Brien, Devanshi Patel, Sam Stebbins, Whitney Strand, Michael Swisher, Deborah Taylor, Anna Tramosch, Robert Vilchez, Anne Vor der Bruegge, Tom Wallace, Amy Yamashiro

Teen Network Board Report

- Tyler Laredo and Anna Tramosch updated the APCYF on various activities including:
- TNB members are applying for Co-Chair Positions for next year now and they hope to have two selected by their April meeting so that the Chair Elects can begin to shadow the current Chairs.
- They have met with the Student Advisory Board to see how they can work together and one initiative they are pursuing together is a seat on the County and/or School Board.
- Several TNB members attended the CADCA (Coalition of Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) Conference in National Harbor earlier this month (see attached video link). Students attended workshops on drugs and alcohol prevention and several also attended the National Youth Leadership Initiative track for their work with the READY Coalition.

TNB will continue to update APCYF to let them know what their needs may be in moving forward.

Retreat Review/After Action Team

Kim Durand reviewed the activities of the retreat for those that were not able to attend [see attached Retreat Review Document].

Comments about the retreat:

- Noticed the generational divide or the perception of a divide; we need to empower new members and strike a balance between the history and what's ahead.
- Enjoyed how the facilitator was able to get us to a level where we could really talk openly about certain issues.

The After Action Team will begin meeting this Thursday at 5:00pm in Sequoia Room A. Although this is a small workgroup, they will be reaching out to ALL members of APCYF for input in various aspects of their work. The group will strive to be transparent in their actions and seek input often and report back as well.

Updates

Team Kids –

LaVeta Logan shared photos and the Carnival Dates for the Team Kids programs [see Team Kids attachment]. The program is being piloted at 4 schools: Henry, Hoffman-Boston, Jamestown and Claremont. Amy Yamashiro, Michael Swisher and other members of the Care for a Change Committee are attending various meetings and the Carnivals to see how this might be adapted for middle schools in the future.

Pediatric Obesity –

Sam Stebbins introduced Rachel Bedell who will be working with him on the Pediatric Obesity Workgroup and moving forward. Sam presented data and shared some key recommendations [see attached BMI Update].

Some suggestions from members included looking at possible research projects, but making sure that the “red tape” doesn’t get in the way of good things happening; encourage the group to work with other non-profits; and work with the Out-of-School Time council and organizations. Also, don’t focus solely on overeating, but think about the food deserts and the lack of access to healthy food. If kids don’t have good food, they don’t have any energy to exercise.

Sam and Rachel will be working toward a strategic plan and are meeting with AHC and other to hold focus groups. They will keep the APCYF informed.

Report Card –

John Andelin and Sam Stebbins are working with Kim Durand to discuss and refine what should/could be included in this year’s Report Card. They will be meeting several more times before presenting a proposed outline/storyboard for the APCYF to consider at the March 24th meeting. If any members would like to participate, please let Kim know.

Currently they are looking at what is most important to include: the facts, demographics and organized by age ranges. They are considering including a companion piece that would be the action/advocacy to engage the community.

Advocacy Discussion

Attached please find a letter from Human Services Director Susanne Eisner regarding the [County Manager’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget](#). The full budget and calendar are available [online](#).

Barbara shared several items that we are currently considering as advocacy issues for APCYF:

- **School nurse** for Career Center, Arlington Mill High School, Teenage Parenting Program (1 FTE or .5 FTE) - County, DHS
- **24 Hour Hotline** for Sexual Assaults - County
- **Substance Abuse Counselor** for Middle Schools (.5 FTE or 1 FTE) - APS
- Continued support for **full-time nurse and bilingual mental health therapist** at Carlin Springs elementary school - County, DHS

Earl Conklin asked that we also add the following:

- Expansion of the **Boys Outreach Program** (1 FTE)

The Advocacy Committee will be looking at the costs and it was recommended that they also consider what the long-term cost saving would be to the County or Schools if these proposals were accepted.

They have also been in touch with the CSB to see what they will be advocating for.

On March 11th, LaVeta Logan will have three minutes to present our advocacy, but during that time, we will also thank the Board for their support of programs like Carlin Springs Community School, READY Coalition and Second Chance.

Overall, we want to give the rationale, the data, but most importantly, draw a picture of who it will be serving and how it will make a difference.

Barbara and the Advocacy Committee will be meeting and sending out information via e-mail for you to be aware and involved. Please let her know if you have any additional information.

Announcements:

- The Boy Scouts are looking for someone to be the Service Project Coordinator. This person would help mach-up Scouts with Volunteer Opportunities. Talk with Dave Carlson if you are interested.
- The libraries are hosting a Teen Book Festival on March 8th at Central Library:
<http://novateenbookfestival.tumblr.com/>
- Contact Rachel Harlan for more information.
- Tito Vilchez announced “Girl Talk” on March 22nd at GMU for at-risk or court involved girls ages 12 – 18. Tito will send a flyer for us to share.
- Please spread the word about the second annual APS STUDENT FILM FEST, APRIL 7 SUBMISSION DEADLINE, especially if you know a student (at HB or beyond, anywhere in APS) who make films.
- Screenings will be June 6 and 7.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Mar 4th at 8:15am – Community and Parent Education Committee, DEA Museum

Mar 6th – 5:00 – 7:00 – After-Action Team, Sequoia Room A

Mar 7 at 9:00am – Second Chance, Sequoia Room A

Mar 10th at 9:00am – Assets Meeting, Sequoia Room A

Mar 11th County Board Budget Work Session, Courthouse Plaza

Mar 12th 10:00am – Report Card Review, Sequoia Room 281

Mar 12th 7:30pm – Committee of 100 Presents Pro/Con on Marijuana featuring Debby Taylor and Kate McCauley. More information to follow!

Mar 13th – 5:00 – 7:00 – After-Action Team, Sequoia Room A

Mar 14th at 11:30am – OST/Assets Brown Bag Series: Adult Role Models in After-School Settings with Brian Nasaon of the YMCA Arlington, location TBA.

Mar 20th – 5:00 – 7:00 – After-Action Team, Sequoia Room A

Upcoming APCYF Meeting Dates:

March 24 | April 28 | May 19* | June 23 | July 28

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