

**Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families**  
**February 25, 2015**  
**Notes**

**Attendance:** John Andelin, Dave Carlson, Sheila Fleischhacker, Barbara Gomez, Alicia Guajardo, Judy Hadden, Linda Henderson, Anne O'Brien, Devanshi Patel, Christine Schaubach, Anne Vor der Bruegge, Kara Blankner, Katherine Diaz, Kanika Hav, Rachel Harlan, Cintia Johnson, Sam Stebbins, Rick Strobach, Jim Tuomey, Brenda Wilks, Kevin Clements, Marian Harmon, Robert Vilchez, Kim Durand, Siobhan Grayson, Michael Swisher, Natalie Tan (27)

**Community Engagement Process Update**

Tentative date is April 13, 2015 at Fairlington from 6:00 – 8:00. The CEP Team will be meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 3:45 to discuss:

If you are interested in attending, or if you have any additional thoughts, please let Kim Durand know. 703-228-1667.

**Data Specialist Discussion**

Kim Durand gave some background and information leading up to the APS Proposed FY16 Budget that currently includes the elimination of the Data Specialist.

Timeline:

- The position was posted on 9/26/14
- November 6<sup>th</sup>, Kim received word that we should “hold off” on hiring.
- December 10<sup>th</sup>, a group of APCYF members met with the Superintendent of Information Services (the hiring supervisor), Raj, to explain the need for a Data Specialist
- January 15<sup>th</sup>, Kim received a note from Raj explaining that they would need to look at this position further
- February 19<sup>th</sup>, Kim attended the School Board presentation of the Proposed Budget and saw that the position was eliminated

**Main Discussion Points:**

The budget realities are that APS will have more students and less resources, they have to make cuts. APS is taking a tiered approach, the Data Specialist is in Tier 1.

If we have a data specialist:

- We can dig into the data we have and uncover layers of information.
- We have much more data than what is reported in the Report Card.
- The data (should) drive policy and programming, with a Data Specialist, we're mining the data so that we can help all areas with this.
- There are many indicators that are not included that a Data Specialist would be able to research to determine the needs.
- If APCYF is the Data Specialist home, the data is unlimited.
- The Data Specialist would have access to school data AND county data.

If we do NOT have a data specialist:

- We'll lose outside data – courts, health, food, housing, etc.
- The data scope would be limited to school data.

- APS is busy with their own data and will not be able to assist with research and evaluation of additional data.
- The wider community that uses the data will no longer have a source of information for grant applications or for guiding programs.
- Data from various County Agencies will no longer have a venue to report their data to the community (i.e. Police or Gang data).

Additional thoughts:

- Collection of data is in APCYF's mission and charter
- Review the charter, does that mean anything?
- Does the County value this?
- Who else uses the Report Card?
- The goal of APS is to educate children. Where does the Data Specialist fit into that? We have to show the connections!

Long-Term thoughts:

- Would anything be solved if APCYF were a part of the Community Activities Fund?
- Would it help if there were an MOU?

**Attachments:**

- Eliminate Data Specialist Position Rationale from APS
- Data Specialist Job Description
- Data Specialist Talking Points (to be revised)

**Data Specialist Workgroup (DSW!)**

Devanshi asked that a group work on revising the talking points to be very clear of the value of this position, specifically to schools.

Thank you to the DSW: Anne O'Brien, Jim Tuomey, Linda Henderson, Rick Strobach, Dave Carlson, Anne Vor der Bruegge, Sheila Fleischhacker, Katherine Diaz, and Judy Hadden.

**The first meeting will be on Monday at 6:00pm in Sequoia Room B**

This workgroup will be looking at the talking points, products of the DS, and a list of opportunities to talk to CB/SB members.

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

It is felt that much of the Data Specialist discussion could have been avoided if we had a written agreement between the County and APS and APCYF regarding the positions that we have and who is responsible for what.

Last year, Anne Vor der Bruegge and Weadé Wallace looked into this, but we may want to revisit this for the future. This will be on the agenda next month so that we can create a committee to look at the issues and prepare a paper outlining the pros and cons.

**Additional Advocacy/Budget Updates from Agency Members**

School Nurses – APS has a need for additional nurses, specifically around the undocumented students.

Substance Abuse Counselors – APS was able to get 1 for the middle schools, but the data shows us that there is a need for more.

Police are asking for more SROs, but are not pushing too hard. They are currently in a 3 year cycle of a grant, so they are not facing any cuts. They are in a state of flux with their chief retiring, there will be an interim, and hopefully someone in place this summer. That could lead to overall changes next year.

Libraries have had no changes, but are anticipating the need to ask for more as the number of kids in the county continues to rise

APS is working on consolidating locations as a way to work more efficiently.

DPR reports that Carver and Drew will be eliminating their after-school programs and instead will be working with APS through their extended day. NOTE: This is a direct outcome of OST and relationship building!

Juvenile Justice just had a \$90,000 grant reinstated and the state is restoring some funding as well, so they've got all good news!

### **Wednesday Mailings**

Kim explained that in order to try to cut down on the number of e-mails from APCYF, we would be mailing information out on Wednesdays. This excludes meeting notes, but for any upcoming meetings, reminders, events, calls for volunteers, etc., if you have something that you would like to share with APCYF, send it to Kim by Wednesday morning.

### **FYI - Common Acronyms:**

ACG – Arlington County Government

APCYF – Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families

APS – Arlington Public Schools

CEP – Community Engagement Process

CFAC – Care for a Change

CSB – Community Services Board

DPR – Dept of Parks & Rec

DHS – Dept of Human Services

DSW – Data Specialist Workgroup (new!)

ECC – Early Childhood Committee

FACE – Family and Community Engagement

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

OAR – Offender Aide Restoration

OST – Out of School Time Council

PIP – Policy Implementation Procedure

READY – Reduce or Eliminate Alcohol Use by Youth

SHAB – School Health Advisory Board

SRO – School Resource Officer

TNB – Teen Network Board

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Feb 26 3:45 – 5:00pm – Community Engagement Process (CEP) Team, Sequoia Room A

Feb 28 8:30 – 12:30 – Whole Child Conference at W-L

Kate McCauley will lead two sessions for APCYF on Youth Brain Development

Feb 28 9:00 – 12:30 – Your Child's Development Resource Fair for Arlington Parents and Caregivers of Infants and Preschoolers

(additional info below)

Feb 28 – 9:00 – 12:00ish – Read Arlington Community Foundation Scholarship Applications at Wakefield (additional info below)

Mar 2 & 4 – OAR Community Service Workers will be helping prepare the Asset Survey Packets from 5:30 – 8:30 in Sequoia Room B.

Mar 3 6:30-8:30pm Teen Network Board at Central Library

Mar 5 3:45 – 5:15pm READY Coalition Planning Meeting, Sequoia Room 380

Mar 6 9:00 – Second Chance, Sequoia Auditorium

Mar 9 9:00 – Developmental Assets Committee, Sequoia

Mar 9 4:00 – APCYF Foundation, Sequoia Room C

Mar 11 7:00pm – READY Coalition Full Meeting and presentation with Michael Swisher and Mary Ann Moran (flier attached)

Mar 13 11:45-1:15 – OST Brown Bag Workshop: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about 4-H

### Volunteers Needed If you have time, these folks could really use your help:

**Information Table at *Your Child's Development Resource Fair*** – We may have a table at this Resource Fair on Saturday, February 28 9:00 – 12:30, but we need someone to attend to the table and answer questions that parents might have (8:45 – 11:00am). Must be set-up by 8:45 a.m. Breakdown can begin at 11:00 a.m. Parking: PARK IN THE PARKING LOT BEHIND THE BUILDING. (This will allow more parking in the front lot for participants.) Contact Kim Durand, 703-228-1667

**Reading Scholarships Feb 28 – 9:00 – 12:00ish** – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help read Arlington Community Foundation Scholarship Applications at Wakefield. This had to be rescheduled due to snow forecast and they will need additional readers for the make-up day. Contact Sam Spaulding at Samuel Spalding ([sspalding@arlcfc.org](mailto:sspalding@arlcfc.org)) if you are available to help. NO experience necessary!