

Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families

September 22, 2014

Notes

Attendance:

John Andelin, Michael Brown, Bill Browning, Dave Carlson, Kevin Clements, Earl Conklin, Sheila Fleischhacker, Barbara Gomez, Judy Hadden, Rachel Harlan, Marian Harmon, Cintia Johnson, Linda Henderson, Mary Ann Moran, Devanshi Patel, Heather Stowe, Jim Tuomey, Robert Vilchez, Anne Vorderbruegge, Tom Wallace, Kim Durand, Siobhan Grayson, Whitney Strand, Amy Yamashiro

Teen Network Board Update:

Siobhan Grayson shared that the TNB had its first meeting last week with 41 teens in attendance. Members have already been out and about in the community, helping at Nauck Day and participating in the Chambers' Scholar's Cup Mini-Golf Tournament last week. TNB members will be at Clarendon Day with the READY Coalition on Saturday. The Volunteer Emergency Support Team (VEST) is recruiting new members for the program at Yorktown. Some new things for this year include a video with public health to promote World Aids Day, a project with Rebuilding Together, and a Healthy Living run!

READY Coalition Update:

Whitney Strand reported that the READY Coalition did not receive funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration Drug Free Communities Grant. The Coalition may need to transition from being a grant-driven organization to one with fundraising being a bigger part of its portfolio. All ideas are welcome. On Wednesday, September 24th, the Steering Committee will meet at 3:00 to discuss options for the future. If you are interested in attending, or if you have additional thoughts, contact Whitney Strand at 703-228-1683.

Partnership Work:

Dave Carlson shared that the APCYF is struggling to find new community leadership for Chair/Vice-Chair. The current chair is stepping down in January and we do not have someone lined up to fill that spot. Bill agrees that the work of the Chair is a very time consuming job. Dave stressed the importance of putting the PARTNER back in PARTNERship and that we all have to do our part. The Roles & Responsibilities Agreement Form that everyone signed in June stresses this work as well. The Board Development Committee will continue to work on this and keep the full membership involved.

Outreach Days:

Bill Browning attended Nauck Day on Saturday with Kim Durand, Siobhan Grayson, Mary Ann Moran and Caroline V. It was a great opportunity to meet parents to talk with them about our work, but also to speak with Board Members informally. Latinoamericano Festival is on next Sunday at Kenmore and Michael Swisher along with Dave Carlson and some others will be attending. Clarendon Day is on Saturday, and although the main focus there will be READY and TNB, members would be welcome to come and talk about APCYF.

Report Card Walk-Through:

Kim gave some background about the work that has gone into this Report Card, starting last January. The goal has been to not just *update* the 2011 Report Card, but *enhance* the overall

snapshot of our community. It is now organized by age/school level and includes demographic information. Each page is being checked at least four times for text, data and edits. Once it goes to the graphic designer, we will have one more opportunity to check for edits before it goes to the printer. We are working with John Andelin and Linda Henderson very closely, but would welcome additional editors when the time comes. **NOTE: If you have any comments or questions, please call Kim at 703-228-1667 or e-mail Anne at avorderb@gmail.com by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th. (Updated Draft Attached)**

Anne Vorderbruegge walked through several pages of the report card, including page 2 About the APCYF, page 5 Message from the Boards and Chairs, page 6 Overview.

Overall, the themes include:

The Report Card is intended to spark reflection and action throughout the Arlington community; we can make positive differences in young peoples' lives when all adults take action and share responsibility; we have more work to do; no real change in reported levels of bullying; the years before children enter kindergarten are critical to setting the stage for outcomes throughout their lives; and striking disparities within Arlington in the health and well-being of our children and youth.

Anne also shared the Key Findings list:

- Graduation Rates up
- Use of Alcohol, Cigarettes, Marijuana down
- Early Initiation of Substances down
- Depression Levels flat or worsened since 2007
- Caring School Climate still low
- Victim of Bullying hasn't improved, especially in middle school
- Supportive Relationships with Adults up
- Positive Family Communication up, but still low
- Clear Boundaries low
- Parent Involvement still low
- Child Care subsidies increasing-quality implications
- Kindergarteners obese and overweight
- Increase in kindergartners entering with preK experiences; increased preK capacity for the economically disadvantaged
- Increase in Chronic Health Conditions
- Gender differences in depression, suicide and peer relationships
- Lesbian, gay, bi-sexual: higher levels of bullying, depression, suicide, substance use
- Income disparities-FRL, early literacy, obesity
- Declining affordable housing, increasing numbers receiving AFAC food assistance
- Disadvantaged and LEP lower on a number of academic measures

School Board/County Board Presentation Discussion:

Bill Browning will be presenting information to both the School and County Boards in October. He'll have 10 minutes to highlight the issues that we feel are most important. A small group of 5 has been working on this, but wanted to get input from the full APCYF. Bill handed out a DRAFT presentation (attached) for us to break into small groups to discuss. He and the "Gang of 5" will look carefully at all of the notes, but when we reported out to the whole group at the end of the meeting, here is what stood out:

- We should have an overall theme for the presentations
- Social Emotional Health of our children and youth
- Each slide could have good news and challenges
- Call to action could encompass things that don't easily fit
- Positives up front – we are an asset building community
- We are making a difference (maybe that is the theme?)
- Averages hide key issues,, but don't name schools
- Capture their attention
- Cluster key findings, organize it differently, link to APS or ACG
- Slightly modify presentations through talking points
- The examples that you give could be either for APS or ACG depending on the audience
- Plans after high school, not just plans to attend college
- Continuation of what we're already doing
- New things that need to be done
- For APS slides, include anything that supports Goal 5 and student achievement

Barbara Gomez stressed that timing is everything and we should take advantage of the fact that we're presenting as the budget season is gearing up.

Announcements:

Amy Yamashiro shared that she has accepted a position with the federal government and will be leaving us on October 31, 2014. This is a great opportunity for her and we wish her the best. Although she will be working at a national level, she promises to keep us in mind as she tracks new trends that we should be aware of.

Connect with Kids Nominations are open: Nominate one as Champion! Nominations are accepted now through October 19 using [this online nomination form](#). See attached flyer for additional info.

Out-of-School Time Asset Conference: October 18th at Kenmore Middle School from 8:30-2:30.

Pre-registration is required, visit <http://arlingtonoutofschool.us/presentation-descriptions/>

First 100 people registered will receive a conference t-shirt!

Sam Stebbins got married! As we met, he was on his honeymoon. We wish he and his wife all the best.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Sep 24 – 3:00pm READY Steering Committee Meeting Room C

Sep 27 – 11:00 – 5:00 Clarendon Day

Sep 28 – 1:00 – 6:00 Latinoamericano Festival at Kenmore, Volunteers Appreciated!

Contact Michael Swisher

Sep 30 – 6:30 – 8:30 Teen Network Board at Central Library

Oct 1 – 7:00 – 9:00 *Marijuana Harmless? Think Again!* in Spanish w/English translation available at Wakefield High School

Arlington's READY Coalition is collaborating with Fairfax County and Alexandria's substance abuse prevention coalitions for this forum.

Oct 7 – 8:15 Community and Parent Education Committee Meeting at Sequoia

Oct 15 – 7:30 – 9:00 READY Coalition Quarterly Meeting at Shirlington Library
Oct 17 – Above the Influence Day at APS High Schools
Oct 18 – 8:30 – 2:30 Out-of-School Time Assets Conference at Kenmore
Oct 22 – 7:30 School Board Presentation on the Report Card’s Key Findings
Oct 27 – 7:00 – 9:00 APCYF Meeting in the Sequoia Auditorium

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