

Successful Children and Youth Policy Team

September 30, 2015 Meeting Summary

Key decisions and actions are in **bold**.

SCYPT Members in Attendance:

George Becerra, Bob Bermingham, Jack Dobbyn, Cristy Gallagher, Pat Harrison, Cathy Hudgins, Tammy Derenak Kaufax, Rick Leichtweis, Jane Lipp, Chris Leonard, Jeff McKay, Megan McLaughlin, Mary Ann Panarelli, Dave Rohrer, Andrew Wehrlen (for Ed Roessler)

Action Item – Adoption of Vision and Mission for Collective Impact Work

Jesse Ellis recapped the process of developing the proposed vision and mission statements. He emphasized that these are for the entire collective impact effort of “One Fairfax.” He recommended that the SCYPT adopt the same vision, but that the team’s mission statement will be more specific to its role, and should be developed along with the governance and accountability structure.

Without objection, the SCYPT adopted the vision and mission statements as proposed:

- **Vision: A community where all children and youth thrive and reach their full potential.**
- **Mission: We, the Fairfax community, collectively ensure all children, youth, and their families and communities have equitable access to quality services, supports, and opportunities to further their success and well-being.**

Action Item – Adoption of Outcomes and Indicators for Collective Impact Work

Victoria Kairys noted that, as with the vision and mission statements, community feedback on the proposed outcomes was supportive and positive. She highlighted the process of the Data Advisory Team, which included defining criteria for selecting indicators, defining four categories of indicators, and selecting indicators to measure status and progress relative to the outcomes. The Team included “data owners” from multiple county agencies and FCPS, who consulted with many others throughout the systems to complete this work.

Key discussion points included:

- Family functioning and stability/parenting ability is a major determinant of many of these outcomes and should be considered as a contextual factor. Victoria noted that the team considered this, but had been unable to find an adequate existing population-level indicator.
- The indicators under the contribution to the betterment of the community outcome are fairly narrow. Again, the lack of other population-level indicators restricts how well this can be measured.
- The set of indicators remains a living document and can be changed as new measures, or better understanding of existing measures, become apparent.

Without objection, the SCYPT adopted the outcomes and indicators as proposed, with two changes:

1. **Under Outcome 4b (social/emotional/behavioral health and resiliency), “stress/anxiety level” and “sadness or hopelessness” were moved from Contributing Indicators to Core Indicators; and**
2. **Under Outcome 5 (safe from violence and injury), indicators were recategorized as follows:**
 - **Core:**
 - **Crimes against children**
 - **Childhood mortality (due to injury and motor vehicle traffic)**
 - **DUI arrests**
 - **Carrying a weapon**
 - **School safety (offenses)**
 - **Contributing:**
 - **Victims of bullying**
 - **Dating violence**
 - **Domestic violence**
 - **Juvenile runaways.**

Also without objection, the SCYPT approved the Data Advisory Team’s engagement to advise the collective impact approach in the following areas:

- **The development of a baseline report based on selected indicators;**
- **Identification of strategies to improve the management and sharing of data for continuous learning in the collective impact approach; and**
- **The development of strategies for presenting data in a meaningful way to different audiences to facilitate decision-making.**

Information Item – Governance and Accountability Structure Update

Karla Bruce and Mary Ann Panarelli updated the team on the progress of developing a governance and accountability structure. They reviewed the previously shared broad framework for the “One Fairfax” collective impact approach and its key components. The committee is now focusing on the SCYPT itself – what’s working, what’s not, and how what’s not can be addressed through a governance and accountability structure. One key area of focus will be to ensure the SCYPT is regularly and effectively communicating information, priorities, and progress to county and systems leadership to help inform their decisions, work, and emphasis areas. Another area of focus is on the role of SCYPT members, and ensuring they are taking SCYPT decisions and information back to their organizations and sectors. How the SCYPT aligns with other, existing efforts and initiatives remains critical, and Karla and Mary Ann will be asking the SCYPT for examples of other collaborative efforts that are relevant to SCYPT’s work. The SCYPT was supportive of the committee’s direction.

Megan McLaughlin stated that she would try to arrange a meeting with the SCYPT members from the Board of Supervisors and School Board, Pat Harrison, and Jane Lipp to discuss the responsibilities of elected officials who are SCYPT members.

Information Item – Recap of Community Dialogue on School Attendance

Bob Birmingham gave a quick recap of the Community Dialogue on School Attendance, which was held on September 30. Over 200 people attended. Following presentations, attendees participated in breakout groups to discuss strategies to increase attendance. Staff are currently

compiling the feedback and will be developing a report with recommended next steps, which will be presented to the SCYPT at an upcoming meeting.

Other Items – Equity Work

George Becerra asked about the status of the joint board meeting to discuss equity. Pat Harrison noted that the meeting has not occurred. Megan McLaughlin stated that the School Board, like the Board of Supervisors, has its “marching orders” to address equity and collaborate on solutions and strategies, but that a specific set of action items would enhance a joint meeting. Jeff McKay recommended setting a date for early next calendar year (once the new board members have joined the boards), in order to provide a joint update on the SCYPT, what it’s doing, and why it’s important. Tammy Derenak Kaufax stated that while this is moving more slowly than hoped, there are things happening, and that she’ll bring the joint meeting back up with the School Board. Ms. McLaughlin also stated she’d go back and review what the School Board voted on or was asked to endorse.

Other Items – Wireless Access

Jeff McKay asked if staff could identify what it would take to establish WiFi in low income areas, and to bring findings back to the SCYPT for discussion prior to any Board action or discussion. Staff will do so and report back at an upcoming meeting.

Other Items – Meeting Location

SCYPT members agreed to continue to host some meetings at Gatehouse.

Other Items – “The Raising of America”

Karen Shaban announced there will be a local screening of [“The Raising of America,”](#) a new documentary on early childhood and its impact on the country. Details will be sent to the SCYPT as they become available.

Other Items – Fairfax County Youth Survey

Jesse Ellis announced that data from the 2014-2015 Youth Survey is now available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey.

Other Items – Suicide Prevention Website

Jesse Ellis announced that a new Northern Virginia suicide prevention website has launched. It can be found at www.suicidepreventionnva.org.