



## **FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH CHILDREN'S SERVICES for AT-RISK CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**

**January 26, 2024**

**Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT)**

**Location**

**Attendees:** Lesley Abashian, Michael Axler, Michael Becketts, Terri Edmunds-Heard, Annie Henderson, Dana Jones, Joe Klemmer, Richard Leichtweis, Chris Leonard, Dawn Schaefer, Rebecca Sharp, Matt Thompson,

**Absent:** Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Deb Evans, Daryl Washington, Lloyd Tucker

**HMF Attendees:** Peter Steinberg, Tracy Davis, Hilda Calvo Perez, Philethea Duckett

**CSA Management Team Attendees:** Kelly Conn-Reda, Barbara Martinez, Jessica Jackson, Kamonya Omatete, Mary Jo Davis, Desiree Roberts, LaVurne Williams,

**Stakeholders and CSA Program Staff Attendees:** Janet Bessmer, Laura Haggerty-Lacalle, Lisa Morton, Jeanne Veraska, Sarah Young, Chris Metzbower, Jamie Mysorewala, Kendra Rascoe Jenkins, Tiffany Robinson

1. **MINUTES:** Approve minutes of August 25, 2023, meeting. *Motion made by Rick Leichtweis; seconded by Annie Henderson; all members agree, motion carries.*

2. **ITEMS:**

- **Administrative Items:**

**Item A – 1: Approve Appointment of FAPT Member** - Approval of the appointment of the nominee, Colleen Regan (DFS Foster Care & Adoption supervisor), as a FAPT representative. *Motion made by Matt Thompson; seconded by Annie Henderson; all members agree, motion carries.*

**Item A – 2: MHI Local Plan**– Request for approval of FY24 MHI funds proposal. Funds allocated for resource team staffing, ICC, flexible funds, incidentals, etc. Currently this funding pool is very low, and the requests are high. Michael Becketts will there be a gap for HMF if the \$60K is allocated to these funds. Peter Steinberg stated that HMF has enough in the budget to allocate the \$60K. These funds will be used for disallowance. *Motion made by Rick Leichtweis; seconded by Matt Thompson; all members agree, motion carries.*

- **CSA CONTRACT ITEMS:**

**Item C – 1: Out of State Placement Report** – Presented by Barbara Martinez. Since Oct meeting eight Child Specific Contracts were processed. Michael Becketts asked if the youth in SUD programs will need to go out of state for step down services. Jessica Jackson replied that community-based services will be provided locally once SUD treatment is complete.

Approved: February 23, 2024



- **CSA INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**Item I – 1: Update on SUD Treatment Services:** Treatment is relatively new. IOP and PHP have been relatively easy to find however residential treatment is only available out of state. These placements do accept VA Medicaid. The length of stay at these facilities is typically shorter. Facilities require 5-14 days of youth to be sober to be accepted, therefore most youth are coming from detox beds or other program. Kids have used on the way to facility there have been times facilities have turned them away when they arrived. Other barriers include language barriers and parents lack of understanding with their role when youth are resisting treatment. Gap in education services for parents regarding their role in these situations.

**Item I – 2: FAPT Residential Entry Report** – presented by Jeanne Veraska. Summary of residential entries in the first quarter were shared with the CPMT members.

**Item I – 3: Residential Site Visit Process** – presented by Jeanne Veraska. Site visits were occurring pre covid but were paused due to the pandemic. These visits will now resume, specifically for new SUD programs. Documents in handouts will be used to conduct site visits. More staff are needed for these visits. Matt Thompson asked if these findings will be available anywhere. Janet Bessmer suggested contacting your management team representative to learn more about the findings and Barbara Martinez suggested checking SharePoint site where findings will be posted.

**Item 1 – 4: Local CSA Resource Survey for FY2023** – presented by Janet Bessmer. Review of report submitted to the Office of Children's Services (OCS) regarding administrative costs required to support the local CSA program.

**Item I – 5: Serious Incident Report for FY 24 Q 1 and Q2** - presented by Jeanne Veraska. Summary of incident reports received for Quarter 1&2 were shared with CPMT members.

**Item I – 6: Local CSA Policy and Procedures Manual Annual Revisions** – presented by Laura Haggerty-Lacalle. How will these changes be relayed to staff. Janet Bessmer stated these changes will be shared with management team who will relay this to their staff.

**Item I – 7: CSA Coordinator's Report** – Janet Bessmer. The appeal hearing issue has been resolved and new procedures have been developed to avoid this issue in the future. CSA is continuing to work with DIT to collect outstanding parental contribution payments. CSA symposium will be on March 13 and there will be a CPMT round table. A survey will go out to determine what topics will be discussed.

**Item I – 6: Budget Report** – presented by Patti Conway. Expenditure has increased. RTC cost increased by 36%. The increase is due to out-of-state SUD treatment facilities. Review of expenditures submitted to the state.

- **NOVACO – Private Provider Items** – none
- **CPMT Parent Representative Items** – none
- **Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church Items** –Lesley Abashian is a representative on the state work group for parental agreements/Chins.
- **Public Comment** – none
- **Staff Comment** – none

**Next Meeting:** January 26, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00pm (Government Center, Room 120-C)

**Adjourn 2:38pm:** Motion made by Michale Becketts; seconded by Lesley Abashian; all members agree, motion carries.