

**FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH COMMUNITY
POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CPMT Minutes 1-25-19

Attendees: Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD, Louise Armitage, Robert Bermingham, Nannette Bowler, Tisha Deeghan (Chair), Kelly Henderson, Teresa Johnson, Michael Lane, MaryAnn Panarelli, Rebecca Sharp, Jane Strong, Daryl Washington.

Absent: Staci Jones Alexander, Katherine Caffrey, Deb Evans, Jessie Georges, Rick Leichtweis, Chris Leonard, Nancy Vincent, and Terri Williams

SOC Attendees: Jim Gillespie, Desiree Gordon, Tracey Davis, Peter Steinberg, and Jesse Ellis.

CSA Management Team: Cindy Barker, Jessica Jackson, Barbara Martinez, Kamonya Omatete.

Stakeholders and CSA Program Staff Present: Janet Bessmer, Chris Metzbower, Patricia Arriaza, Kristina Kallini, Lisa Morton, Kim Jensen, Hilda Calvo

MINUTES: A motion was made by Jane Strong and seconded by Louise Armitage to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2018 meeting. The motion was approved by the committee of the whole.

- **CSA Administrative Item**

Item A-1: A motion was made by Louise Armitage and seconded by Bob Bermingham to approve a new FAPT Member. The motion was approved by the committee of the whole.

- **HMF Administrative Item**

Item A-2: A motion was made by Daryl Washington and seconded by Rebecca Sharp to approve Funding Proposals for Healthy Minds Fairfax. The motion was approved by the committee of the whole.

- **Contracts Items:**

Item C — 1: A motion was made by Jane Strong and seconded by MaryAnn Panarelli to approve New Provider Contract Awards. The motion was approved by the committee of the whole.

Item C — 2a: A motion was made by Bob Bermingham and seconded by Michael Lane to approve a Child Specific Request for Lake House Academy. The motion was approved by the committee of the whole.

Item C — 2b: A motion was made by Bob Bermingham and seconded by Michael Lane for a Child Specific Request for Ainsworth Attachment Clinic. The motion was approved by the committee of the whole.

- **CSA Information Items:**

Item 1-1: Kim Jensen and Barbara Martinez gave the Serious Incident Quarterly Report. During the second quarter, there were two serious incidents that were reported to the CSA Management Team: CSA was notified that a respite provider was taking a non-verbal child with autism to activities across State lines, was conducting personal business on County time, and was not informing parents of whereabouts while on outings with the child. A meeting was held with the home-based agency, Contracts, CSA, FCPS, and DFS staff on November 28 to address these concerns. The home-based worker has been pulled from working with any Fairfax youth. A corrective action plan was requested, received, and approved by the CSA Management Team. A workgroup to better define respite service has been formed and will begin work on revising the contract addendum for home-based services. UR Manager received notice that a youth was refusing to leave a residential facility because of a policy where all youth are required to undergo a body search and pat down any time they leave the facility upon return. The placing agency filed a Human Rights Complaint regarding this practice. Notice was given to the facility to cease the practice immediately. CSA Management Team requested information on practices of other contracted residential providers and facilities that adhere to the Building Bridges Initiative. The result of this research confirmed that the practices of this facility were unusual, and not in keeping with trauma-informed care. A meeting was held with CSA, Contracts, CSB, and DFS to address concerns with the facility on December 13. The facility has stopped the practice with Fairfax youth and has agreed to revise their policies to be more in keeping with trauma-informed care. CSA Management Team has put a hold on new referrals pending receipt and review of revised policies. There continues to be an increase in volume of SIRS received by CSA due to increased monitoring and oversight at all levels. UR staff have begun tracking data on types of incidents.

Item 1-2: Kim Jensen gave the Quarterly Residential Entry and FAPT Report. Thirteen youth entered long-term residential settings in October (5), November (4), and December (4). Across the 13 youth, the most frequently identified "Actionable" needs on the CANS were as follows: Depression-12, Impulse/Hyper-11, Anger Control-11, Adjustment to Trauma-10, Anxiety-9, and Oppositional-9. There was one youth who was gang involved at admission. There were seven youth who had ICC in place prior to being admitted to long-term residential. Five of these youths had been recently placed at Leland House. This may suggest a need to review the Leland and ICC admission process to ensure proper assessment for level of care. This may also suggest a need for increased availability of evidence-based treatment in the community. It is difficult to assess whether the youths' risks were so high that they needed a higher level of care, or if there was a lack of providers able to implement evidence-based practices. The issue will be discussed at the next Leland House Quarterly meeting. The FAPTs met with 37 families, 16 new requests for placement were heard: 3 of these youth had community based plans developed in lieu of a plan for placement out of the home; the rest developed plans for RTC or GH placement, 5 of these youth (FC&A) had been placed prior to the FAPT meeting, 11 of these youth were actively receiving community based services at the time of the FAPT referral, including 3 who were active with ICC, 21 requests for extensions of existing placements were heard, all of whom received an extension of anywhere from 2 weeks to 3 months. In addition to FAPT-requested placements, 3 youth were placed in either an RTC or GH program via ICC funds for a period not to exceed 3 months; per CSA and ICC policy these youth do not go through the FAPT process for placement.

Item 1-3: Patricia Arriaza gave the Quarterly CSA Data Report. The total point in time count decreased by 3 from the prior quarter. The length of stay for youth with primarily emotional/behavioral problems exiting placement (n=18) was 224 days at the end of the 2nd quarter (LOS ranged from 21 to 453 days). Ages ranged from 14 to 18, with average age being 17 years. Of the 18 exits, 9 were from Foster Care and Adoption, 4 from the CSB, 1 from FCPS, 1 from DFS and 3 from JDRDC. The 6 placements are from FCPS, 1 is at Benedictine, 3 at Grafton and 2 at Devereux. The ages range from 15 to 21, with the average age being 19. There were 19 exits and 14 entries this quarter. 100% (n=29) of youth were maintained in the community 6 months after initiation of ICC services. 93% (27 of 29) of youth remained in the community 12 months after the initiation of ICC services. 2 youth were referred to ICC while in RTC. 8 Relief of Custody (ROC) complaints were received, 6 were filed, 2 are pending. 76% (29 out of 38) placements are with Medicaid-enrolled providers, out of which 68% (26 out of 29) are Medicaid eligible. Reasons for being ineligible: no legal status (n=2), over income for Level B group home (n=1). 73% (19 out of 26) are receiving Medicaid reimbursement for residential costs; 0 are denied and 7 are pending.

Item 1-4: Yin Jia gave the Budget Report. The attached chart details Program Year 2019 cumulative expenditures through November for LEDRS categories, with associated Youth counts. IEP-driven expenditures for Schools are separated out. Further information on the attachment provides additional information on recoveries, unduplicated youth count, and: Average cost per child for some Mandated categories, Average costs for key placement types, such as Residential Treatment Facility, Treatment Foster Home, Education placements. Pooled expenditures through November 2018 equal \$8.1M for 805 youth. This amount is a decrease from November last year of approximately \$1.9M, or 18.74%. Pooled expenditures through November 2017 equal \$10M for 766 youth.

Item 1-5: Nannette Bowler gave a report on Families First Prevention Services Act Update. This act specifies evidence-based requirements that entail meeting "promising," "supported," or "well-supported" criteria that are similar to the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare requirements. Promising – At least one study that used some form of control group to determine effect. Supported – At least one study that used a random control or quasi-experimental trial found the practice to be superior to an appropriate comparison practice. Well- Supported – At least two studies that used a random control or quasi-experimental trial found the practice to be superior to an appropriate comparison practice. Virginia DSS is developing the implementation plan for the Family First Prevention Services Act through the Three Branch Institute. The institute is designed to bring the three branches of government together to develop an action plan to address the most pressing child welfare issues.

Item 1-6: Janet Bessmer gave the Legislative Update. Several bills have been proposed to study alternatives for delivery of special education services in public school settings if greater flexibility in use of CSA funding were permissible. These bills appear to be prompted by the rising CSA special education expenditures. Rate setting has also been proposed as another strategy and is currently being studied. HB 1700 Eliminate Cap on Increases in Private Day Rates, SB 1285 School attendance officer; motion for a rule to show cause, child in need of supervision. SB1279 Authorizes a school attendance officer or local school division superintendent or his designee acting as an attendance officer to complete, sign, and file with the intake officer, on forms approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia, a motion for a rule to show cause regarding the enforcement

of an order entered by a juvenile and domestic relations district court relating to the filing of a complaint alleging the pupil is a child in need of supervision. The bill also provides that such a filing is not considered the unauthorized practice of law. HB 1957 Children in need of services; disposition, certification by parent that firearms are secure Provides that if a child is found to be in need of services or a status offender, the juvenile or circuit court that permits the child to remain with his parents may require the parent to certify that any firearms located in the house where such child and his parent reside are reasonably secure as to prevent such child's access. HB 2014 Family First Prevention Services Act; statutory alignment. Aligns the Code of Virginia with the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018. Please refer to handout for more information on the bills.

Item 1-7: Kamonya Omatete gave the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PS SF) Grant Application Renewal Process. PSSF is authorized under Title IV-B, Subpart II of the Social Security Act, as amended, and is codified at SEC. 430 through 439 [42 U.S.C. 629a through 629e]. The PSSF program was initially created in 1993 as the Family Preservation and Support Services Program, geared toward community-based family preservation and support. In 1997, the program was reauthorized under the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) and renamed the PSSF program. The 1997 legislation required the provision of two additional services which are time-limited family reunification (now family reunification services), and supportive adoption services. PSSF funds must be used for four broad types of funding: Family Support Services (FSS), Family Preservation Services (FPS), Family Reunification Services (TLFRS), and Adoption Promotion and Support Services (APSS). Federal guidance [CFDA 93.556] sets a minimum of 20 percent of program PSSF funds be spent on Family Support, 20 percent on Family Preservation, 20 percent on Family Reunification, and 20 percent on Adoption unless a waiver is granted by the Federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The PSSF grant has previously provided \$424,042 in state and federal revenue for a local investment of \$65,727 annually. These funds are used to provide child welfare related services and supports that offset expenditures from county funds and/or CSA.

- **NOVACO — Private Provider Items: N/A**
- **CPMT Parent Representative Items: N/A**
- **Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church Items: A new director has been hired for Fairfax City Human Services**
- **Public Comment: N/A**

3:00 p.m. — Adjourn