

# Alexandria Community Policy and Management Team

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ACPS- Special Education

## **January 25, 2023 - Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Meghan McGrane, Tricia Bassing, Greta Rosenzweig, Mike Mackey

Staff/Others present: PJ Gingery, Jasmine Chapman, Richard Orah, Carla Oliver

Meeting called to order at 2:07pm by T. Bassing  
Quorum present.

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

### **II. Public Comments:** No requests to make public comments received.

### **III. Minutes** of the November 30, 2022 meeting were not available for review or approval. Postponed until the February meeting.

### **IV. Fiscal Reporting & Program Review**

- **Finance Reports** – Presented by R. Orah. CSA FY23 allocation is \$8.4M. YTD expenditures are \$2.4M with 25% of the allocation currently spent. YTD local match for expenditures is \$1.2M. YTD refunds to CSA are \$15K. FY23 expenditures billed to Medicaid, through November 2022, are \$126K. YTD expenditures billed to IV-E are \$301K with no local match required. Brief discussion about the upcoming relocation, its potential impact on processing invoices and the contingency planning that the Finance unit has in place to minimize interruptions.
- **CSA Reports** – Presented by J. Chapman and PJ Gingery. FY23 IEP Wrap allocation is \$78,838 with no funding for services requested to date. FY23 Protected funds allocation is \$201,836 with \$133K encumbered thus far. Many of the funding requests in this category are for substance abuse treatment referrals and Intensive Care Coordination services.
  - FAPT continued to hear cases every week utilizing the MS Teams virtual platform. Any technical issues encountered were effectively managed. During the month of December, the FAPT team reviewed 23 client cases as follows: 13-Foster Care, 2-Prevention, 6-Residential of which 4 were for Parental Agreement clients, and 2-Protected (Non-Mandated) Funding.
  - The CSA staff continues to assess whether any of the client cases funded under the Protected category can be transferred to the IEP Wrap category. Staff will continue to monitor the extent to which encumbered funds are actually being utilized and will make adjustments as necessary.
  - A new Parent Representative, Y. Roberts, started with the FAPT this month. The CSA unit provided orientation.

### **V. Discussion Items**

#### **A. DCHS Relocation**

- Scheduled to begin on February 1. The majority of departments will be fully relocated by the end of February. The remaining few that have licensing requirements to be fulfilled in connection with the moving of office space will occur within the next month or two thereafter.

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- ACPMT will begin holding its monthly meetings at the new facility, 4850 Mark Center Drive, as soon as the conference room is ready for occupancy.

### **B. City Budget**

- G. Rosenzweig reported that there is still no decision on Child Welfare's requested supplemental to add a position to support the workers in fulfilling the administrative functions associated with processing CSA payments for services.
- M. McGrane reported that deliberation of many supplemental requests/proposals has been pushed back to late February as the group continues to wrestle with the challenge of how to add positions when there are so many vacancies.
- Discussion of the issue of workforce hiring challenges that is being faced regionally.
- M. McGrane also informed the team that two groups, Fire and Police, have completed the collective bargaining process. Information about this is located on the City's website.

### **C. Legislative: HB 2018**

- This bill allows family assessment and planning teams (FAPT) and community policy and management teams (CPMT) to share information with local law enforcement or threat assessment teams established by local school boards if a FAPT or CPMT obtains information from which the team determines that a child poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or others. Under current law, all information about specific children and families obtained by FAPT and CPMT members must be kept confidential.
- Recommendation made to DCHS Director, K. Garvey, by T. Bassing, G. Rosenzweig and S. Minter to monitor this bill for the City legislative process. Acknowledgement that the current language of the bill leaves the taking of any action in accordance with the bill as optional rather than required. Two potential concerns voiced included how "threat" is defined and the potential for it being defined too liberally; and, the potential for the language to become more mandated during the state legislative process.
- G. Rosenzweig informed the team that the League supports the bill.
- Discussed the general climate of fear and desire to prevent violence and how that can have a disproportional impact on BIPOC communities.

### **D. Miscellaneous Discussion Item(s)**

- C. Oliver suggested we stop using the language of "cases," instead say family or child. It's important to be mindful of this because people are not cases. Each team member agreed to support each other in staying mindful of how we discuss children and families with whom we work. J. Chapman will relay this discussion to FAPT members.

## **VI. Policy #21 Review**

- Discussed and agreed to align pay rate to GS16 Peer position, expand policy to include ACMPT family rep and clarification of payment process.
- G. Rosenzweig moved to accept the policy with agreed upon revisions & M. Mackey seconded. No additional discussion. Motion passed.
- Policy is effective immediately. CSA staff will notify FAPT of changes to policy.

**VII. Adjournment:** With no further items to be discussed, a motion was made to adjourn meeting at 3:22pm.