

# Alexandria Community Policy and Management Team

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***"Where families are families and not 'cases'!"***

## **June 26, 2024 - Meeting Minutes** **Via Zoom Platform**

Members present via Zoom: Meghan McGrane, Tricia Bassing, Mike Mackey, Christopher Bishop, Greta Rosenzweig, Erin Stone, Carla Oliver

Members absent: Nate Shultz, Felicia Simmons

Staff/Others present: Sharon Minter, Jasmine Chapman, Richard Orah

Meeting called to order at 2:08pm by Chair, M. McGrane  
Quorum present.

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

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

### **III. Minutes** of the May 22, 2024 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept minutes of meeting made by Mike Mackey, seconded by T. Bassing. No additional discussion, motion passed.

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

- **Finance Reports** – Presented by R. Orah. CSA FY24 allocation is \$8.1M. YTD expenditure is \$7.9M, reflecting 95% of the allocation currently spent. YTD local match for expenditures is \$4.2M. YTD refunds to CSA are \$258K. FY24 expenditures billed to Medicaid are \$140K billed through February. YTD expenditure billed to IV-E is \$357K with no local match required. Discussion about the refunds received due to accessing Medicaid for some of the youth in congregate care for whom CSA had previously paid.
- **CSA Reports** – Presented by J. Chapman. FY24 IEP Wrap allocation is \$90,989 with \$77K encumbered to date. FY24 Protected funds allocation is \$201,836 with \$65K encumbered thus far.
  - FAPT continued to hear children/youth requests every week, in hybrid format, utilizing the MS Teams platform. Any technical issues encountered were effectively managed.
  - During the month of May, the FAPT team reviewed 28 children/youth requests as follows: 22-Foster Care, 0-Foster Care Prevention, 1-Protected/Non-Mandated, 2-IEP Wrap Funding request, 3-Parental Agreement.
  - Congregate care detail: 3-Parental Agreement youth & 4-Child Welfare youth in residential or group home placements.

### **V. Discussion Items**

#### **A. VDSS Parent Child Safety Program**

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- VDSS initiative that will offer a structured, voluntary placement for children and youth in need of a stable home placement but not needing to be placed in foster care.
- VDSS has an allocated budget for this and will be distributing it to local DSS agencies to provide maintenance payments to the temporary caregiver.
- CSA funds are not to be used in connection with this initiative. Children and youth served in this capacity remain eligible for other CSA-funded services and would need to come through the regular FAPT process for funding consideration.

### **B. State Pool Allocation Implementation Plan (Proposed)**

- Plan to consolidate the base and supplemental allocations.
- No base application will be provided by OCS and the current process for requesting supplemental allocation(s) will be eliminated.
- Localities will have to closely monitor their CSA expenditures to forecast future allocations needed for CSA expenditures.
- Need to look at whether we need to take any legislative action regarding this proposal.
- General Assembly will consider this proposal in its next session and, if approved, this would be effective as of July 1, 2025.

### **C. Strategic Plan**

- Members discussed potential suggestions for areas to focus on in our strategic plan.
- Also reviewed plans from neighboring localities to get an idea of how they structured their strategic plans.
- Brainstorming of topics included: Operational Efficiency, Provider Network and related issues, Time to Service objectives, and Equitable Access.
- Discussion will continue in subsequent meetings to more fully develop the objectives to be achieved and the steps to be taken in accomplishing said objectives.
- The CQI training session, scheduled for the July meeting, could potentially provide ideas for other areas to add to the strategic plan.

### **D. NatCap & IOP Access**

- Continued conversation about youth and substance abuse disorder and the roles that both shelter care and the detention center play in addressing the needs of this population.
- The detention center is planning to use its own funding to start a one-year pilot treatment program, with NatCap, a private provider, to address the needs of youth who have substance abuse disorder and are in detention. Program is slated to start July 1, 2024 and will have 15 spaces.
- Aftercare, i.e., Medication Assistance Treatment (MAT) and intensive out-patient services, will need to be covered by another funding source.
- Team engaged in discussion about how CSA funding might assist with this need and what that process could look like.
- Many questions remain and data is needed to gauge the number of youths who might need and/or want the aftercare services upon discharge from detention.
- Discussion to continue in subsequent meetings. Recommendation that data be received from the pilot program which focuses on client profiles, numbers of clients served and types of services specifically needed to ensure continuity of care in outpatient substance abuse treatment.

**VI. Adjournment:** With no further items to be discussed, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 pm.