EXHIBIT NO. 1

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: AUGUST 31, 2001

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER PS

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY CODE § 12.12.2 TO CONFORM TO THE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT REGARDING PRIVATE PROVIDER MEMBERSHIP ON THE ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TEAM

ISSUE: City Council adoption of an ordinance to amend City Code § 12.12-2 to conform to the language of the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) regarding the private provider membership on the Alexandria Community Policy & Management Team (ACPMT).

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council pass the ordinance on first reading, and set it for public hearing and final passage on Saturday, September 15.

BACKGROUND: In 1992, the Virginia General Assembly enacted the Comprehensive Services Act with the intent of creating a "collaborative system of services and funding that is child-centered, family focused and community-based" to address the needs of troubled youth and at-risk youth and families. The CSA requires that each locality develop a Community Policy and Management Team to manage the process of providing services through maximum use of state and community resources. The CSA is specific as to who must serve as members of the local Community Policy and Management Team. One of the members to be included in the Community Policy and Management Team must be a representative "of a private organization or association of providers for children's or family services if such organizations or associations are located in the locality."

In 1992, City Council created the Alexandria Community Policy and Management Team by City ordinance specifying the membership of the ACPMT. City Council required that the ACPMT include " a representative of a private organization or association of providers of children's or family services whose office is located within the city...." The wording of the City ordinance is different from the language contained in the CSA. The effect of the difference in wording is that the City ordinance is more restrictive and precludes a private provider representative from serving on the ACPMT even if he/she works with City agencies, but does not maintain an office within the City boundaries.

DISCUSSION: The ACPMT oversees various services that are provided to troubled and at-risk youth and families in the City. Many services are provided by the City's youth serving agencies. Other services are highly specialized and are contracted out to private mental health organizations, residential homes or special education schools. The ACPMT enters into formal contracts with these private organizations, many of which are located outside the City's geographical boundaries. The location of these private organizations make them ineligible to serve on the ACPMT because of the restrictions in the City ordinance.

The ACPMT has had continued difficulty in filling the private provider vacancy and the current vacancy has been open for almost two years. The ACPMT believes that amending the City's ordinance to allow such providers to be eligible to serve on ACPMT will result in this vacancy being filled.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENT: Ordinance

STAFF: Lillian Brooks, Director of Court Services
George McAndrews, Assistant City Attorney

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Introduction and first reading:	9/11/01
Public hearing:	9/15/01
Second reading and enactment:	9/15/01

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain section 12-12-2 (COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT; TERMS AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS; FILLING VACANCIES) of Chapter 12 (ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TEAM), Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Summary

The proposed ordinance alters the composition of the Alexandria Community Policy and Management Team ("ACPMT") by amending the criteria for appointment of the member representing providers of children's or family services. Current law requires that this representative have an office located within the city. The amendment adopts the less-restrictive requirement, that the representative provide services in the city on a continuing and consistent basis.

Sponsor

Staff

Lillian Brooks, Director of Court Services and Chair,
Alexandria Community Policy and Management Team
George McAndrews, Assistant City Attorney

Authority

§ 2.1-751, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

None

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ORDINANCE NO. ____

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 12-12-2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 12-12-2 Composition; appointment; terms and compensation of members; filling vacancies.

The community policy and management team created by section 12-12-1 shall consist of nine members. Six of the nine members shall be the following public officials or the designees of such officials: a member of city council, the city manager, the executive director of the Alexandria community services board, the director of the Alexandria juvenile court services unit, the director of the city's department of health, the director of social services within the city's department of human services, and the superintendent of schools. The remaining three members of the team shall be a representative of a private organization or association of providers of children's or family services ~~whose office is located~~ which provides such services within the city on a continuing and consistent basis, and two parent representatives; provided, that a person who is employed by a public or private program which receives funds pursuant to the Comprehensive Services Act, Virginia Code § 2.1-745 et seq., or by an agency represented on the team may serve as a parent representative only if the person does not, as a part of such employment, interact directly on a regular and daily basis with children or supervise employees who interact directly on a daily basis with children; provided further, that the foregoing restriction regarding a parent representative shall not apply to foster parents. All members of the team shall be appointed by city council and shall serve for a term of two years; provided, that the private provider representative and the parent representative members shall be appointed by council, upon the recommendation of the public official members of the team. All members of the team shall file the financial disclosure form required by section 2-5-11 of this code, and their filing shall be in accordance with the provisions of said section. Any vacancy occurring in the provider representative or parent representative positions on the team shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments to such positions are to be made. Members of the team shall serve without compensation, but may receive such reimbursement for expenses as city council may allow.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

KERRY J. DONLEY
Mayor

Introduction: 9/15/01
First Reading: 9/15/01
Publication: 9/20/01
Public Hearing: 9/25/01
Second Reading: 9/25/01
Final Passage:

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ORDINANCE NO. 4219

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain section 12-12-2 (COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT; TERMS AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS; FILLING VACANCIES), of Chapter 12 (ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TEAM) of Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

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KERRY J. DONLEY
Mayor

Final Passage: September 25, 2001
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