

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2021

The Board met in regular session at the Merrifield Center, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, VA.

The following CSB members were present: Garrett McGuire Chair; Karen Abraham; Jennifer Adeli; Daria Akers; Robert Bartolotta; Sandra Slappey Brown; Captain Derek DeGeare; Sheila Coplan Jonas; Bettina Lawton; Srilekha Palle; Diana Rodriguez; Edward Rose; Andrew Scalise; Dan Sherrange; and Anne Whipple.

The following CSB members attended remotely:

The following CSB Board members were absent: Larysa Kautz

The following CSB staff was present: Daryl Washington, CSB Executive Director; Jennifer Aloi, Healthcare Systems Director; Georgia Bachman, Asst. Dep. Dir. Acute & Therapeutic Treatment Services; Lisa Flowers, Communications Director; Daniel Herr, Dep. Dir. Administrative Operations; Kevin Lafin, Dir. Employment & Day Services; Bob MacMurdo, Director Intensive Community Treatment; Elizabeth McCartney, Legislative Liaison; Linda Mount, Dir. Analytics & Evaluation; Jean Post, Director Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office; Cynthia Tianti, Deputy County Attorney; Lyn Tomlinson, Dep. Dir. Clinical Operations; Barbara Wadley-Young, Asst. Dep. Dir. Community Living Treatment & Supports

Guests: Evan Jones; Sean McGinnis, Hartwood Foundation

1. Meeting Called to Order

Garrett McGuire, CSB Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members and staff introduced themselves including name and affiliation to the CSB. Audibility of all members present was confirmed.

2. Matters of the Public

Sean McGinnis, Hartwood Foundation, directed attention to comments sent prior to the meeting that highlighted the ongoing national crisis of shortages in the direct support professional workforce, clarifying the impact to contract residential providers.

3. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was provided for review. Acknowledging no recommendations were forthcoming, Captain Derek DeGeare made motion to accept the agenda as presented that was seconded by Daria Akers and unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Presented for review were draft minutes of the June 23, 2021 virtual meeting of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. As no further revisions were suggested, Bettina Lawton made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Daria Akers and unanimously passed.

5. Staff Presentation

Jean Post, Director Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office directed attention to the slide presentation projected on the Zoom screen with the assistance of Lisa Flowers

- The five regions of the Northern Virginia Region (Region 2) include Fairfax-Falls Church (47%), Prince William (21%), Loudoun (16%), Arlington (9%), and Alexandria (7%).
- The Regional Office fully manages or is involved in components of many new programs to include development of a regional crisis health center and a regional receiving center.
- It was clarified that services offered through the regional office are provided throughout the region (all five counties) based on where the service is available, funding resources, and where the individual resides.

6. Director's Report

Daryl Washington and provided an update to recent activities.

- The RFP (Request for Proposal) for the Regional Crisis Call Center was recently released.
- Governor Ralph Northam visited the Arlington CSB to announce an award of approximately \$485M to strengthen Virginia's behavioral healthcare system. It is anticipated that approximately one half will be allocated to the state hospitals with the second half allocated to community behavioral healthcare. More details will be provided as they become available.
- A reminder was offered of the recent closure to admissions for five of the eight Virginia state psychiatric hospitals. Earlier today, DBHDS (Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services) Commissioner Land announced resuming admissions at Catawba State Hospital with a 1:1 discharge/admission allowance. It was further noted that this process is likely to be adopted by the other restricted state hospitals as they reopen noting that the staffing shortage continues.
- The carryover budget was announced Tuesday, July 27, 2021, with approval scheduled for October 2021. Proposed items that impact the CSB include
 - a budgetary reduction of \$15M, noting that the CSB retains budgetary flexibility. It was clarified that the CSB will propose identified areas for this one-time reduction to the Department of Management and Budget (DMB).
 - A bonus is proposed for all county employees.
 - The Office of Strategy Management (OSM) is dissolving. OSM staff Lisa Potter (Diversion First) and Ellen Volo (Opioid Taskforce) will be reassigned to the CSB.
- Fairfax County developments include:
 - Deputy County Executive Joe Mondoro, County Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is retiring in September. It was confirmed that Christina Jackson has been appointed to fill the position.

- Some realignment in the Department of Management and Budget is anticipated including the proposed reassignment of some multi-agency projects to a new agency that will be developed for this purpose.
- Deputy County Executive Dave Rohrer has announced his retirement for December 2021.
- There is a proposed realignment of some Fairfax County agencies including Health & Human Services under Deputy County Executive Chris Leonard. The proposal includes renaming the agency to Community Services and reassigning the Park Authority and the library system to this department.
- DBHDS notified the CSB that 146 Medicaid Waivers are projected to be awarded for FY 2022.
- It is anticipated that Virginia will be awarded approximately \$80M from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Settlement Agreement, efforts are underway to determine what portion will be awarded to this CSB.
- Efforts to conclude the final steps for hiring the identified candidate for the Clerk to the CSB Board position are near completion.

At the recent meeting with Department of Human Resources (County) agreement was reached to review identified positions for reclassification. It was clarified that reclassification will be effective FY2023, with the recommendations due to DMB in December 2021.

- These positions include
 - Development Disability Specialist (1-4)
 - Behavioral Health Specialist I and II
 - Behavioral Health Supervisor and Manager
 - Behavioral Health Nurse Clinician/Case Manager and Supervisor
 - Nurse Practitioner
 - Physician's Assistant
 - CSB Senior Clinician

Elizabeth McCartney provided a legislative update for the special session that will convene on Monday, August 2 to apportion \$4.8B in federal relief funding awarded to Virginia through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). As noted previously in the meeting, some of the funding is expected to be apportioned to state hospitals, behavioral health facilities and training centers, crisis services, Marcus Alert activities, dedicated housing in Northern Virginia, and opioid/substance use treatment services. It was clarified that some of the funding may be held for allocation at the next special session.

Mr. Washington directed attention to copies of a slide presentation that Commissioner Land (DBHDS) presented to the Deeds Commission related to the apportionment of the ARPA funds.

7. Matters of the Board

Garrett McGuire reported that the Community Services Performance Contract (CSPC) was approved by the Executive Committee for submission to the Board of Supervisors

(BOS) for approval. Following approval, the contract will be signed and forwarded to the State (DBHDS).

Srilekha Palle provided an update on the Wellness and Recovery Conference scheduled to be held virtually in October 2021

Garrett McGuire offered a reminder of the annual CSB Board Member Retreat proposing that an Ad Hoc planning committee be established for discussion of scheduling a retreat. Members interested in serving on the Ad Hoc Committee should advise Garrett of their interest.

Mr. McGuire requested that members interested in joining or changing committee membership should notify him. It was clarified that approval of committee membership will be announced at the August CSB Board meeting.

8. Committee Reports

A. *Service Delivery Oversight Committee (BHOC)*

Anne Whipple announced that the next meeting would be August 11, 2021 noting that planning for the meeting is underway.

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 11, 5:00 p.m. at the Merrifield Center 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, VA, Room 3-314, West

B. *Compliance Committee*

Garrett McGuire provided an overview of the July meeting noting review and proposed revision to the ComplyTrack charts. Additionally, an overview of the new electronic health record vendor, Welligent, including implementation efforts was provided. Efforts continue for hiring a new Director of Compliance and Risk Management.

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 18, at 4:00 p.m. at the Merrifield Center 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, VA, Room 3-314, West.

C. *Fiscal Oversight Committee*

Jennifer Adeli., provided highlights of the July meeting that included:

- Critical vacancies were increased from last reporting period at 118 with 11 more new positions expected to be added for the next reporting period.
- There were no vacancies in emergency services.
- There continues to be variations of wait times for waitlists across services.

The next meeting is Thursday, August 19 at 4:00 p.m. at the Merrifield Center, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, VA, Room 3-314, West.

D. *Ad Hoc Metrics & Reports Committee*

Thanking the committee members and involved staff, Sandi Slappey Brown provided an oversight of the committee purpose and outcomes. Outcomes included some refinement, deletion, and addition of reports as well as an identified control changes process to manage future reviews and changes. A summary of the decisions will be developed and forwarded to the full Board, anticipated for the September 2021 CSB Board meeting.

This was the final meeting of the Committee.

9. Action Item

A. *Human Services Issue Paper*

Elizabeth McCartney directed attention to the Human Services Issue Paper copies provided in the meeting materials. Noting some of the changes that were incorporated and offering an opportunity for questions and/or further revision. Several revision recommendations were forthcoming, following which Captain Derek DeGeare offered a motion to approve forwarding the Paper to the County Legislative Office as revised that was seconded by Bettina Lawton and unanimously passed.

Garrett McGuire inquired whether there any matters that required discussion in closed session. As none were raised and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Actions Taken - -

- Audibility of in-person participation by electronic attendees was confirmed.
- The draft June 23, 2021 CSB Board Meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- The FY Human Services Issue Paper was approved for submission to the County Legislative Office.

08/25/2021

Date Approved



Clerk to the CSB Board