

**FAIRFAX FALLS-CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
SERVICE DELIVERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 30, 2022**

The Service Delivery Oversight Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has made it unsafe to assemble a quorum in one location physically or to have the public present. Access was made available via video and web conferencing platform to CSB Board members, CSB staff, and members of the public. The meeting notice, including participation instructions, was posted electronically and on the building where the meeting is typically held. Additionally, attendees were offered an opportunity to register for public comment during the 30 minutes prior to the meeting being called to order.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Committee Chair Anne Whipple called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

2. Roll Call, Audibility and Preliminary Motions

PRESENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNE WHIPPLE (GREAT FALLS, VA);
DARIA AKERS (FAIRFAX, VA); ROBERT BARTOLOTTA (FALLS CHURCH, VA);
CAPTAIN DANIEL WILSON (FAIRFAX, VA); SHEILA JONAS (ALEXANDRIA, VA);
LARYSA KAUTZ (UPPER MARLBORO, MD)

ABSENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** SRILEKHA PALLE

Associate Members in Attendance: Kathleen Baker and Lauren Goldschmidt, Service Source; Diane Monnig, The Arc of Northern Virginia; Joe Getch, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Inc.; Bill Taylor, Concerned Fairfax; Susan Keenan, Community Living Alternatives; Michelle Hurrell, Recovery Program Solutions of Virginia; Sean McGinnis, Hartwood Foundation, Inc; Heather Peck, Laurie Mitchell Empowerment and Career Center.

Staff in Attendance: Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Lyn Tomlinson, Deputy Director of Community Living Barbara Wadley-Young, Director of Individual and Family Affairs Michael T. Lane, Legislative and Grants Analyst Elizabeth McCartney, Service Director Kevin Lafin, Service Director Sierra Simmons and Board Clerk Sameera Awan.

Committee Chair Anne Whipple conducted a roll call, as identified above, to confirm that a quorum of Board members was present and audible. Committee Chair Anne Whipple passed the virtual gavel to Committee Co-Chair Sheila Jonas to make several motions required to begin the meeting. A motion was offered to confirm that each member's voice was audible to each other member of the CSB Board present; this motion was seconded by Committee Member Robert Bartolotta and passed unanimously.

Committee Chair Anne Whipple made a motion that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for the CSB Board to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to attend any such meeting physically and that, as such, FOIA's usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of this CSB Board and the physical presence of the public, cannot

be implemented safely or practically. A further motion was made that this Board may conduct this meeting electronically through a video and web conferencing platform that may be accessed via Meeting ID: 868 4566 3587 and Passcode: 472088. Motions were seconded by Committee Member Sheila Jonas and unanimously approved. Committee Chair Anne Whipple made a final motion that all the matters addressed on today's agenda are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of the CSB Board's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed following the return of the virtual gavel to Committee Chair Anne Whipple.

3. **Matters of the Public**

None were presented.

4. **Amendments to the Meeting Agenda**

The meeting agenda was provided for review, no amendments were made.

COMMITTEE MEMBER CONSENSUS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes of the September 14, 2022, Service Delivery Oversight Committee were provided for review.

MOVED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNE WHIPPLE, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DARIA AKERS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

6. **Legislative Update**

Legislative & Grants Analyst Elizabeth McCartney presented an overview of the discussion held with legislators during the General Assembly Session on October 26, 2022, CSB Board Meeting, which included DD waivers, the opioid epidemic, STEP-VA, Marcus Alert, and an emphasis on the current workforce challenges and the hospital bed crisis.

7. **DD WAIVER**

Service Director Kevin Labin reported that the CSB Day Support & Employment numbers exceeded a thousand individuals for the first time in October 2022. These individuals have been approved, and some have received Day Support services.

Deputy Director of Community Living Barbara Wadley-Young mentioned at the last CSB Board meeting with Executive Director Daryl Washington and CSB Service Directors regarding the Medicaid Waiver priority one waitlist the directors were asked to clarify the needs around the DD Waiver. The Fairfax CSB provides eligibility screening for the three Developmental Disability Waivers. These waivers are the Building Independence, Family, and Individual Supports and the Community Living Waiver. These waivers provide community services, including personal care,

day support, supported employment, and assistive technology. The CSB has 971 individuals who remain on the County’s Priority One waiting list, which is more than 31 percent of the statewide waiting list. There is an increased number of DD Medicaid waiver slots to meet, at a minimum, the Priority One waiting list, which averages over 3,000 annually in Virginia. Fairfax County supports negotiating the approval and re-approval of customized rates for individuals with intensive behavioral and health needs who need to be served through the standard DD waiver rate structure.

Deputy Director of Support Coordination Sierra Simmons provided information regarding CSB's Support Coordination Services and Developmental Disabilities Services. She stated that licensed professionals should be offered more training to handle the more complex and co-occurring needs such as substance use disorder.

Tania Hammock from Cri – Disability & Mental Health provided her contact information and mentioned assistance with Cri’s residential programs in Virginia and Maryland.

8. Staff Reports

Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Lyn Tomlinson shared there will be a listening session hosted by the Opioid Abatement Authority that will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 2:00 PM, at the Government Center auditorium. In our efforts with retention and recruitment, the CSB vacancy count had dropped from 206 to 136. We continue to focus on the target areas with recruitment challenges. Fairfax County has already submitted its budget requests for the year, with some reasonably conservative requests. The County Executive will make a budget request in February of 2023. The COVID update continues to be on trend; the status moved from low to medium; the organization continues to get 5-10 staff testing positive weekly.

9. Adjournment

Committee Chair Anne Whipple made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM

February 8, 2023

Date Approved

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Sameera Awan

Clerk to the Board