

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

April 24, 2019

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

The following CSB members were present: Suzette Kern; Chair; Jennifer Adeli; Daria Akers; Gary Ambrose; Basilio ‘Sonny’ Cachuela Jr; Ken Garnes; Sheila Coplan Jonas; Edward Rose; Nancy Scott; Diane Tuininga; and Jane Woods

The following CSB Board members were absent: Thomas Burger; Rachna Sizemore Heizer; and Bettina Lawton

The following CSB staff was present: Daryl Washington; Georgia Bachman; Lucy Caldwell; Marissa Fariña-Morse; Mike Goodrich; Evan Jones; Elizabeth McCartney; Cynthia Tianti; and Lyn Tomlinson

1. Meeting Called to Order

Suzette Kern called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Matters of the Public

None were presented.

3. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was provided for review. Acknowledging no further revision recommendations, the agenda was accepted as presented.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Draft minutes of the March 27, 2019 meeting of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board were presented for review. As no suggestions for revision were offered, Edward Rose made a motion for approval, which was seconded and passed.

5. Jail-Based Services, Jail Diversion, and Specialty Courts

Marissa Fariña-Morse directed attention to slide handouts provided in the meeting materials. Highlights of the presentation included:

- The CSB uses the Sequential Intercept Model, illustrated on page 2 of the slides. This is a national model that illustrates that there are predictable points at which an individual may have contact with the criminal justice system. Services are provided at these identified points providing an opportunity for diversion from incarceration and connection with needed services.
- Jail-Based Services are provided to incarcerated individuals with serious mental illness and substance use disorders. The 25 clinicians on the jail-based team support jail operations and specialty courts, 7 days/week including efforts to ensure continuation of services received prior to incarceration.
- The Jail Diversion team supports and tracks outcomes for moving individuals to a lower level of care providing services as needed to include Intensive Case Management (ICM) and Engagement.

- It was clarified that as Specialty Courts and Dockets require an individual petition to the Supreme Court of Virginia, each of the three courts related to the Veteran's Treatment Docket submitted separate petitions.
- Highlighting the numerous functions of the Mental Health Docket, Ms. Fariña-Morse reported that a CSB Coordinator will be starting in mid-May for preparation prior to the Docket launch in July 2019.
- Individuals on Supervised Release with mandated treatment for mental health or substance use disorder are tracked for compliance through the Supervised Release Docket.

All the courts covered in this presentation are open sessions and may be attended, noting that the meeting schedule for each court/docket was provided on the related slide. The slide packet and the Jail-Based Org chart provided at the April Fiscal Oversight Committee meeting will be emailed to Board members.

6. Director's Report

Executive staff provided several agency updates, some highlights of which are listed below:

Lyn Tomlinson provided several updates, highlights of which include:

- Two handouts related to wait times were provided in the meeting materials. A chart that illustrates the very short wait times for CSB Emergency Services and a copy of a blog article written by Pete Early, a local advocate for behavioral health care. Ms. Tomlinson clarified that the wait times illustrated in the chart does not include services provided overnight as that data is still being collected and will be provided once available. It was further clarified that efforts will be made to identify and apply appropriate strategies in an effort to decrease the wait times in other programs.
- Recent recruitment and retention activities include development of a CSB Academy. The Academy is designed to provide license-eligible master's level graduates an opportunity to obtain licensure following completion of the six-month course, internship, and practicum. Graduates of the Academy will be offered employment as a Behavioral Health Specialist in a CSB program. There is an effort to develop incentives for graduates to accept employment with the CSB.
- Efforts to address the state hospital bed crisis include submission of a proposal to the state for funding to provide medical detox services in the crisis stabilization unit. If awarded, talking points will be provided to Board members to support discussion with legislators.
- Members were encouraged to Save the Date for a developmental disability conference sponsored by Chairman Bulova and the Arc of Northern Virginia at the Government Center on June 29, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More information will be shared as it becomes available.
- Evan Jones shared a video previously viewed at the April Developmental Disabilities Committee meeting that utilizes a humorous approach to the lack of disability representation in large companies that emphasize diversity. Additionally, Mr. Jones distributed a flyer and encouraged members to view a new program that

chronicles the search for employment by people with special needs; “*The Employables*” will air on A&E at 10:00 p.m. on May 8, 2019.

Daryl Washington provided an update to recent STEP-VA (System Transformation Excellence and Performance) implementation efforts, noting some significant funding and communication concerns. Some highlights include:

- Funding concerns include the utilization of multiple funding mechanisms, the lack of clarity on dispersal of funds to individual CSB or by Region, and the continual revision of definitions. Additionally, there are restrictions for spending awarded funds with requests to use awarded funds, even if inadequate, to launch new services. There is concern that these restrictions and requests are in direct contradiction with directives issued by the General Assembly in the last session.
- A reminder was offered that all VA CSB’s were provided funding for Same Day Access and Primary Health Care Screening. The next two steps to be implemented are 1) Crisis Stabilization services; expected to be funded as a regional project with an estimated \$1.4M, noting that the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB is 50% of the region; and, 2) Outpatient Services that are likely to be a hybrid model for which each CSB will be provided a base amount. The balance of the funding is anticipated to be distributed equitably using an equity index currently in development by VCU (Virginia Commonwealth University), that is projected to be delivered in late 2019, making funding projections impossible.
- Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) Executive Leadership appears unwilling to collaborate with VA CSB Executive Leadership.
- Mr. Washington noted that the STEP-VA definitions, still in development, may very well impact the current efforts to revise CSB Policy #0030, *CSB Priority Access to CSB Services* and the associated priority populations guidelines documentation.
- Noting that the Partner Feedback meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 13th, it was recommended that the concerns with STEP-VA be a topic for discussion.
- In response to these significant concerns, it was emphasized that Board members are likely to be asked for future advocacy with the legislative body.

Noting that further monitoring of these concerns is warranted, it is anticipated that a comprehensive update will be provided in June. Staff and Board members engaged in very robust dialog.

Directing attention to the handouts provided in the meeting materials, Mr. Washington highlighted that Lucy Caldwell was awarded for Innovation, and the WIN (Welcoming Inclusion Network) won an award for Partnership at the 2019 Spirit of Excellence Awards Ceremony, further noting that CSB Board member Nancy Scott attended.

Daryl Washington, Lyn Tomlinson, and CSB Medical Director, Colton Hand are scheduled to meet with the Sheriff on Monday, April 29 to discuss services provided in the jail.

DBHDS recently awarded one-time funding of approximately \$33K to assist with jail discharge services.

Gratefully acknowledging the robust advocacy provided by CSB Board members, Mr. Washington reported an additional DBHDS regional award of \$325K related to the state hospital bed crisis. The funding will establish an Intensive Recovery & Treatment Step Down Facility for the No. VA Region that will provide step-down care from the State Psychiatric Hospitals.

6. Matters of the Board.

Gary Ambrose confirmed the next Diversion First Stakeholders meeting is Thursday, May 16, 2019, offering a reminder that would be his final meeting as Chair. Mr. Ambrose offered a further reminder to the Board that the June 2019 CSB Board meeting would be his final meeting as he is leaving the Board at the end of FY 2019.

7. Committee Reports

A. *Behavioral Health Oversight Committee (BHOC)*

Gary Ambrose provided highlights of the April meeting, some of which include:

- Notice that a new Committee Chair will be elected.
- The June 12, 2019 meeting will be a joint meeting of the Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health Oversight Committees primarily for discussion of legislative priorities and maximized benefit of the committees.
- Key issues discussed were priority access guidelines and partner feedback.
- Associate Members and staff provided updates.
- Associate Member presentations included Bill Taylor with Concerned Fairfax and Lauren Goldschmidt & Emily Watson with ServiceSource, focusing on employment.

The next BHOC meeting is Wednesday, May 8, 5:00 p.m. at the Merrifield Center, Level 1-Room 408/509, East.

B. *Compliance Committee*

Suzette Kern provided a brief overview of the recent meeting, highlights of which are:

- Serious Incident Reporting update,
- ComplyTrack software implementation is on schedule to launch May 1, with incident tracking beginning on July 1.
- A chart highlighting compliance areas was distributed, noting that AdvantEdge had moved from yellow to red status. This change illustrated the high level of oversight needed with any new system and some ongoing and increasing concerns over implementation specific to AdvantEdge and Credible.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m. at the Merrifield Center, Level 1 - Room 308 A/B, West.

C. *Developmental Disabilities (DD) Committee*

Sheila Jonas, provided an overview of the April committee meeting, including:

- Staff and Associate members updated recent activities.
- A quarterly update of the Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office (NVRPO) was provided by Jean Post and Randy Buckland.

- Ms. Woods added that Committee and Associate members are increasingly engaged and involved.

The next meeting is combined with the Behavioral Health Oversight Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Merrifield Center, Level 1-Room 308A/B, West.

D. *Fiscal Oversight Committee*

Captain Basilio ‘Sonny’ Cachuela, Jr., provided an overview of the April meeting activities including:

- The FY 2019 third quarter projections were provided noting no revenue adjustments were needed, and operating expenses remained on target.
- Noting a drop in the second quarter for Fringe & Compensation, it was attributed to an increase in hiring in anticipation of new positions in July and dual encumbrances for succession planning.
- Collection efforts for identified non-billable services include verification and correction of credentialing records, confirming that Joe Mondoro, Department of Management and Budget (DMB) is updated regularly. It was further noted that the collected revenue is anticipated to impact FY 2020.
- The Human Resources Update included a report of 102 Vacant General Merit positions, noting an overall decrease in critical area vacancies. Further updates include:
 - Donna Chittum, newly hired Recruiter, has been attending job fairs and visiting CSB sites to determined individual site staffing needs.
- The Jail-Based Services Org Chart was distributed and will be a regular agenda item for monthly monitoring of position status at the ADC (Adult Detention Center), noting the two current vacancies are in the resume review/interview stage.
- Reporting that all efforts to implement medical clearance with INOVA have failed, alternate options are being explored.
- The Adult and Youth Time to Treatment charts indicated wait times have improved.
- Captain Cachuela offered a reminder that nominations for Fiscal Oversight Committee Chair are being accepted

The next meeting is Friday, May 17 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pennino Building, Room 836A.

E. *Other Reports*

Ed Rose summarized the testimony provided by Diane Tuininga, Jennifer Adeli and Mr. Rose at the Budget Public Hearing before the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on Thursday, April 11, 2019.

Ken Garnes, offering thanks to Elizabeth McCartney for her supportive efforts to the Board, provided an update on Board member feedback on the 2019 Legislative Session. Directing attention to the meeting materials that included the collected feedback as well as a draft legislative planning calendar, Mr. Garnes confirmed that

Ms. McCartney will provide talking points. Ms. McCartney provided a brief overview of the materials, encouraging members to reach out with further recommendations or questions.

Gary Ambrose, noting the significance of this CSB Board policy, reported that feedback would be solicited from staff, Associate Members, and the community. Early efforts include consideration of exceptions, i.e. Diversion First, CIT trained officers, Mobile Crisis Unit (MCU) response, and Adult Partial Hospitalization (APH), etc. It is anticipated that while this is an urgent need, the likely impact of STEP-VA definitions discussed earlier, complicate the typical revision progress.

Suzette Kern announced the 2019 CSB Board Member Retreat will most likely be scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019 noting that several members still need to be polled for availability.

Ms. Kern further noted that nomination for CSB Board Officers will be added to the June CSB Board meeting agenda.

8. Action Item

A. *CSB Board Nominating Committee*

Suzette Kern proposed appointing the following volunteer board members to the FY 2020 CSB Officer Nominating Committee; Ken Garnes, Captain Basilio ‘Sonny’ Cachuela, Jr, and Sheila Jonas. Ken Garnes offered a motion to approve, which was seconded and passed.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:39 p.m. a motion was offered, seconded and passed to meet in closed session for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel on a reimbursement matter, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(8).

At 6:48 p.m. the Board reconvened the open session at which time a motion was offered, seconded and passed, certifying to the best of the Board's knowledge that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements prescribed by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters identified in the motion to convene a closed meeting, were heard, discussed or considered by the Community Services Board in closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was offered, seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Actions Taken--

- ◆ The March 27, 2019 CSB Board Meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- ◆ The Ad Hoc FY 2020 CSB Officer Nominating Committee was established.

May 22, 2019

Date



Staff to Board