

**FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 26, 2023**

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met in regular session at the Sharon Bulova Center for Community Health, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Level 3, Room 3-314 West, Fairfax, VA 22031.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Acting Board Chair Garrett McGuire called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

2. Roll Call, Audibility, and Preliminary Motions

PRESENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** ACTING BOARD CHAIR, GARRETT MCGUIRE; ROBERT BARTOLOTTA; SHEILA COPLAN JONAS; ANDREW SCALISE; BETTINA LAWTON; ANNE WHIPPLE; CLAUDIA VOLK; JIM GILLESPIE; EVAN JONES

ABSENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** DAN SHERRANGE; KAREN ABRAHAM; DARIA AKERS; CAPTIAN DAN WILSON; SRILEKHA PALLE

Also present: Executive Director Daryl Washington, Deputy Director of Administrative Operations Jean Post, Deputy Director of Community Living Barbara Wadley- Young, Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Abbey May, Healthcare Systems Director Jennifer Aloï, Legislative and Grants Analyst Elizabeth McCartney, Director of Individual and Family Affairs Michael T. Lane, Division Director of BHOP Eileen Bryceland, Service Director Sierra Simmons, and Board Clerk Sameera Awan.

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.

BOARD MEMBER CONSENSUS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

5. Approval of the Minutes

The June 22, 2023, CSB Board Meeting Minutes were provided for review, no amendments were made.

MOTION TO ADOPT JUNE 22, 2023, MEETING MINUTES WAS MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER EVAN JONES, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER CLAUDIA VOLK.

MOTION TO ADOPT WAS APPROVED BY GARRETT MCGUIRE, ANDREW SCALISE, SHEILA COPLAN JONAS, BETTINA LAWTON, ANNE WHIPPLE, AND ROBERT BARTOLOTTA. BOARD MEMBERS JIM GILLESPIE ABSTAINED.

6. Director's Report

A. County, Regional, State and Cross Agency Initiatives

Deputy Director of Community Living Barbara Wadley- Young provided an update on the fiscal guidance for Fairfax County FY 2025 from the Board of Supervisors (BOS). The BOS has directed agencies to explore diversification in expenditure savings and to control expenditure growth. One of the primary concerns for the county is the ability to fund employee compensation, which constitutes the largest anticipated funding adjustment for FY 2025. To address this, all county agencies, including the CSB, have been tasked with participating in a budget exercise for FY 2025, aiming for a 7% reduction target. For the CSB, this translates to a reduction of \$12.3M. It's important to note that this exercise is not focused on reducing the workforce but rather on finding ways to achieve budgetary savings. The CSB is expected to submit its proposal by the end of August. The CSB's approach clearly emphasizes minimizing the impact on staff and safeguarding essential programs. The agency is exploring various options, primarily adjusting revenue targets for the year, and examining capacity within service contracts that may be influenced by revenue changes and alterations in the contracting structure, which could provide some flexibility. Additionally, the CSB is using this opportunity to review its programs and services, considering potential streamlining and pathways to greater operational efficiency. While the agency is hopeful that the target reduction won't remain at 7%, this remains uncertain until all proposals are evaluated against the specific target. The CSB has already communicated these developments to all staff members and conducted two meetings, one with the senior leadership team and another involving the entire agency.

Deputy Director of Administrative Operations Jean Post shared that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) favors providing the additional funds required for the Crossroads capital improvement project. However, they have decided not to include it in the carryover and have instead requested that the Community Services Board (CSB) submit a request for these funds in the third quarter of the fiscal calendar (Q3). Regarding the Youth Mental Health options, as directed by the BOS, the CSB has received interest and support at all three levels. The first level, involving the Youth Medicated Assistant Treatment (MAT) Service, which aims to expand the CSB's treatment program, has received the BOS's support in principle, although they have yet to provide direct funding and have suggested exploring local funds for it. Moving on to the second option, the BOS has expressed its desire for the CSB to work towards expanding the Youth Mental Health Outreach and Engagement and Intervention Program. For this, the BOS is allocating 15 positions, but it will be the CSB's responsibility to secure funding for these positions using existing resources. The third option, which is also the costliest, pertains to the Youth Crisis Services and Re-entry Program. Commissioner Kay has strongly supported this initiative and is eager to see it progress. However, Commissioner Kay has indicated the need for additional time to secure the necessary funding. In the meantime, an initial investment of \$15M has been allocated to kickstart the project. The BOS also determined that they would like to discontinue the DD Medicaid Waiver program initially developed by the CSB and the Medicaid Replacement Revenue Reserve. There will be an increase in funding for both the Opioid Reserve and the Diversion First Reserve. Specifically, discontinuing the DD Waiver program designed by the CSB will result in a loss of

\$2.5M, while eliminating the Medicaid Replacement Revenue Reserve will lead to a loss of \$2.8M. In contrast, the Opioid Reserve fund will see an increase of \$2M, and the Diversion First Reserve fund will experience a boost of \$1.2M. Furthermore, regarding carryover funds, the CSB had submitted specific requests for environmental pay adjustments across various challenging-to-fill positions within the organization, as well as one-time staff bonuses aimed at improving retention. Regrettably, both requests were denied. Environmental pay has been identified as requiring further evaluation, leading to its exclusion from the carryover. Furthermore, the one-time staffing bonus needs more support due to concerns about potential disparities it may introduce among different county agencies.

Executive Director Daryl Washington provided an update regarding the (BOS) request to prioritize Youth Behavioral Health carryover funding. It's important to note that this isn't the final round of decisions; there is still a 30-day review period. One significant point to highlight is that while there was no Medicaid Assistant Treatment allocation, the BOS approved an increase in the Opioid Reserve. The financial impact would have been similar had they incorporated it into the budget. It's essential to emphasize that this represents a genuine expansion of services rather than merely redistributing funds within the CSB. This distinction holds particular importance as it ensures that the CSB is making judicious use of abatement dollars, particularly in the context of youth opioid services. There will be a thorough application and review process involving multiple agencies. The BOS's decision not to include funding for the youth outpatient expansion was based on the anticipation that funds would become available from other sources within the budget. Given this perspective, there is less concern surrounding this omission. Additionally, it's noteworthy that the BOS granted permission for the CSB to utilize the \$15M for another youth service program, primarily focusing on the most expensive option among those categorized as tier one, two, and three.

Director of Clinical Operations Abbey May shared exciting news that Fairfax County Government partnered with GARE (the Government Alliance on Race and Equity), a national network committed to achieving racial equity. Their collaboration aims to address institutional racism in government, transform policies, and foster racial equity. Fairfax County recently completed its first Racial Equity Employee survey with GARE and is awaiting the results. One Fairfax will lead in evaluating the outcomes and training county agencies to assess policies with an equity focus, fostering inclusivity and positive changes for the community. The Fairfax County Opioid Settlement Fund is currently accepting applications for a portion of the allocated funds for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, with an application deadline set for August 24, 2023. The CSB has actively encouraged its staff to submit their proposals for utilizing these resources. Submissions received after the August 24th deadline will be reviewed by the opioid settlement executive committee as part of the selection process. To streamline fund allocation and address pressing needs in opioid support and treatment within the community, the CSB executive leadership team will convene in the first week of August to deliberate and prioritize the staff-submitted ideas.

Deputy Director of Administrative Operations Jean Post provided updates on the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, highlighting their remarkable service to the community. In June, the

community 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline received 1,565 calls, maintaining an average of 1,420 calls per month for the first nine months of the year. Additionally, a 12-second survey performed exceptionally well, with 20% of the calls addressing mental health concerns answered within the 12-second period. However, challenges persist in the data platform realm, preventing the CSB from dispatching low-crisis cases through the call center. The CSB has not yet initiated transfers to their regional crisis provider. On a positive note, the Fairfax Marcus Alert public safety answering points of 911 and first responders commenced call transfers to the regional crisis call center on June 28th, and their performance has been commendable. In just three days of call transfers, they surpassed the average transfer volume from Prince William County.

Deputy Director of Community Living Barbara Wadley- Young provided updates on the State Budget, noting that there haven't been any amendments to the budget as of now, but the CSB remains optimistic. She also mentioned upcoming activities related to the \$58 M budget for crisis-receiving centers and the potential for additional labor funding. The public hearing for the Department of Justice (DOJ) settlement agreement is scheduled for July 27, 2023, at 1:00 PM in Richmond, VA. Ms. Wadley-Young and Division Director Sierra Simmons will attend the event to receive an update on the status of the settlement agreement, and further details will be shared as they become available. In April this year, the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCHBC) announced its plans to establish certified community behavioral health clinics. Despite not receiving the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) award for the two-year demonstration grant initially, the CSB is forging ahead with this initiative independently. This approach follows the example of several other states, hoping to eventually access a demonstration grant for expanding services in subsequent years. Their optimism remains high, even if they don't secure initial funding, focusing on providing prompt access to a comprehensive array of services in one location, including 24/7 crisis services, without regard to people's residence, financial means, or age.

B. Electronic Healthcare Record Update

Healthcare Systems Director Jennifer Aloï provided an update on the progress of the data warehouse, highlighting significant advancements. The CSB has achieved a noteworthy milestone by securing an extension for our grant funding, now extended until December 2023. The original deadline to utilize the allocated \$800K by July 31, 2023, has been extended to December 31, 2023. Currently, the primary focus is on generating specific reports from the Data Warehouse. The agency is investing considerable effort in validating its data to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the newly generated reports.

7. Matters of the Board

Board Member Jim Gillespie took a moment to discuss the Fairfax City Task Force on Homelessness, highlighting its purpose and goals. The City of Fairfax has created this task force to address the challenges of homelessness within the city, focusing on individuals experiencing homelessness and the broader community. The task force's mission is to transform the city into a community supporting all its residents. This will be achieved through structured community discussions and

collaboration with existing systems that serve individuals at risk of homelessness or those currently experiencing it.

8. Committee Reports

A. **Service Delivery Oversight Committee**

Committee Chair Anne Whipple shared that the committee plans to conduct a survey among its associate members to gather their insights on the committee's utility to them. CSB Board Chair Dan Sherrange intends to discuss the effectiveness of the Service Delivery Oversight Committee. This discussion will center around whether the committee fulfills its intended purpose and addresses fundamental questions. **The next Service Delivery Oversight Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 5:00 PM.**

B. **Compliance Committee**

Committee Member Garrett McGuire provided updates on several ongoing audits. The committee engaged in a productive discussion concerning the Serious Incident Report, which provides monthly updates on significant incidents occurring within the community under the CSB's oversight. Furthermore, McGuire noted that employee training is currently underway and will remain available until January 31, 2024. This training opportunity will also be extended to new CSB Board members. **The next Compliance Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 4:00 PM.**

C. **Fiscal Oversight Committee**

Committee Chair Claudia Volk reported no meeting for the month of July 2023. **The next Fiscal Oversight Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 17, 2023, at 4:00 PM.**

9. Information Item

A. **CSB Legislative Planning Calendar**

Legislative and Grants Analyst Elizabeth McCartney provided an update on the CSB Legislative Planning Calendar, noting that during the previous CSB board meeting, members discussed their strategies for the upcoming general assembly elections. Elizabeth and CSB Board Chair Dan Sherrange have been deliberating on conducting outreach to the general assembly candidates before the election. The proposed approach involves initiating outreach by having the CSB Board Chair send a letter to the current delegation outlining key issue areas. This letter would also introduce a background document about the CSB. The plan includes hosting the annual October CSB Board meeting, during which they intend to extend invitations to the current delegation. This meeting aims to engage in a comprehensive discussion about the CSB's priorities, opportunities, and challenges. Following the election and the induction of new members into the general assembly, Dan intends to conduct personal outreach to the newly elected members during the first week of December.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member Bettina Lawton. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

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Date Approved

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Sameera Awan

CSB Board Clerk