

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
Virtual Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2021

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

The following CSB members were present: Bettina Lawton Chair; Captain Derek DeGeare; Srilekha Palle; Edward Rose; Andrew Scalise; Daniel Sherrange; Sandra Slappey, and Anne Whipple.

The following CSB members attended remotely: Jennifer Adeli (Great Falls, temporary disability); Karen Abraham (Fairfax, temporary disability); Daria Akers (Fairfax, temporary disability); Robert Bartolotta (Falls Church City, medical condition); Sheila Coplan Jonas (Alexandria, temporary disability); and Garrett McGuire (Alexandria, temporary disability).

The following CSB Board members were absent: Larysa Kautz

The following CSB staff was present: Daryl Washington, CSB Executive Director; Georgia Bachman, Asst. Dep. Dir. Acute & Therapeutic Treatment Services; Jessica Burris, Chief Financial Officer; Linda Mount, Dir. Analytics & Evaluation; Sebastian Tezna, Director of Behavioral Health Operations; Cynthia Tianti, Deputy County Attorney; Barbara Wadley-Young, Asst. Dep. Dir. Community Living Treatment & Supports

1. Meeting Called to Order

Bettina Lawton, CSB Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Audibility

Ms. Lawton conducted a roll call with each CSB Board Member present and attending remotely as identified above, to confirm that a quorum of CSB Board members was present and that all members were audible to each other. Each remote member replied with their place of attendance and the reason for remote attendance.

3. Staff Presentation

Christina Jackson, Director, Department of Management and Budget (DMB) and Dana Thompson, Budget Analyst, provided an overview of the county budget process and a summary of the impact to the CSB budget.

Ms. Jackson directed attention to the materials for the FY 2022 Advertised Budget plan included in the meeting materials. In addition to the material and data provided in this review, members were encouraged to review the [Advertised Budget Summary](#). Additional information may be found on the [Advertised Budget Plan](#) webpage.

Ms. Jackson, reporting that the [countywide strategic plan](#) was recently published for community feedback and noting that future budget efforts will be impacted by the final plan, urged interested members to review and provide feedback to the plan.

Dana Thompson provided an overview of each category in the meeting materials that detailed the CSB FY2022 funding adjustments. Highlights included the budget increase of approximately \$29,392 and 15 positions.

Members and staff engaged in robust discussion.

4. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was provided for review. Acknowledging no recommendations were forthcoming, Edward Rose made a motion to approve the agenda as revised that was seconded and unanimously passed.

5. Approval of the Minutes

Draft minutes of the February 17, 2021 virtual workgroup of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board were presented for review. As no further revisions were recommended, Daniel Sherrange made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Daria Akers and unanimously passed.

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6. Director's Report

Daryl Washington provided an overview of activities including:

- *STEP-VA*: recurring funding award includes approximately \$440,000 for expansion of outpatient services with an additional unknown amount for providing services to veterans and to strengthen Peer services. It was clarified that regular funding updates are received and will be shared with the CSB Board.
- *Marcus Alert Bill*: Implementation of the pilot model at Merrifield Emergency Services is underway and operating several days each week. A reminder was offered that the program provides for a clinician to accompany law enforcement responding to calls. It was reported that the pilot is focused on Springfield and the Mason District. Outcomes will inform recommendations for expanding implementation. Noting that the clinician/law enforcement team often arrive after closer law enforcement are on scene, there is a consideration to place clinicians at substations to allow for a timelier response, clarifying that cost and staffing is a factor.
- *Workforce Planning*: efforts to incentivize referral, recruitment, and retention include consideration of expanding one-time hiring bonuses for vacant positions that are chronically difficult to fill. Additionally, efforts continue to contract with a vendor to conduct employee surveys for newly hired staff, existing staff, and exit interviews.
- *Hospital Bed Crisis*: it is anticipated that the shortage of available state hospital beds will continue during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- *CSB Workforce and COVID-19*: there is a reduction in positive cases reported at the CSB; it was clarified that screening would continue. At the request of the DBHDS (Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services) Commissioner, all the Virginia CSB Executive Directors are collaborating to develop a return-to-work plan for some areas that will include hospital discharge

planners, the PACT (Program of Assertive Community Treatment) Team, and supervised residential treatment providers.

- *Federal COVID-19 funding*: Virginia is expected to receive approximately \$60M in Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health block grant funding. Distribution information has not been issued.
- *Electronic Health Record (EHR)*: efforts to contract with a new EHR are anticipated to be final by the end of April 2021.
- *Crisis Care*: The Crisis Care program is scheduled to move into a renovated facility in April 2021. This move will enable the residential substance use disorder treatment programs A New Beginning to move back into space that had been reassigned to Crisis Care services during the pandemic.
- Daniel Herr will start as Deputy Director of Administrative Operations on Monday, March 29, 2021.
- *FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center)/Neighborhood Health*: a reminder was offered that COVID-19 vaccinations are administered at the FQHC located on the 4th floor of the Merrifield Center. Noting that some vaccination appointments are missed, efforts are underway to administer unused vaccines from missed appointments to individuals receiving services that are eligible and, in the building, but do not have appointments.

7. Matters of the Board

Daniel Sherrange reported an interest in some workforce planning to include addressing the opioid crisis and proposed crisis response teams. It was noted that due to current budgetary uncertainty, further planning will be delayed.

Srilekha Palle reported involvement with the annual October Wellness and Prevention Conference

Garrett McGuire provided an update to recent concerns by vendor Gabriel Homes related to recommencement of Employment & Day services. Reporting that communication appeared to be the primary cause for concern, a plan was implemented to improve ongoing communication between the CSB and vendors.

Bettina Lawton offered a reminder that CSB Board members would be solicited to serve on a CSB Board Officer Nominating Committee that is chaired by Sheila Jonas. Members interested in volunteering were asked to contact CSB Board Clerk, Erin Bloom.

8. Legislative Update

Budget testimony in draft form has been issued to the three volunteers including Bettina Lawton, Daniel Sherrange, and Garrett McGuire. Speakers were encouraged to practice delivery to ensure adherence to the three-minute time limit regardless of delivery method including telephone, email, video.

Mr. Washington reported monitoring some current legislation that is anticipated to impact the CSB, noting none is strongly significant. A further update will be provided once the legislation is signed or sent back.

9. Action Item

A. *Approval to submit proposed FY 2022 Fee Schedule to BOS*

Sebastian Tezna offered a reminder of the current process for the annual review, revision, and submission of the Fee Schedule and related documents. The purpose and process for annual review and revision to the fee schedule and related documents includes alignment with Medicaid, Medicare, and the contracted MCOs (Managed Care Organizations).

Robert Bartolotta made a motion to approve submission of the fee schedule to the Board of Supervisors at the June 2021 BOS meeting that was seconded by Edward Rose and approved

B. *Approval of Service Delivery Oversight Committee Charter*

Services Delivery Oversight Co-Chair Sheila Jonas offered a reminder that the Developmental Disabilities and the Behavioral Health Oversight Committees were merged to form the Service Delivery Oversight Committees (SDOC). The charter for the former committees was rewritten to reflect the mission, Composition, Responsibilities, and Duties of the new committee.

Ms. Jonas made a motion to accept the charter as presented that was seconded by Edward Rose and unanimously approved.

C. *Virginia Foundation for Health Youth Grant (Al's Pals)*

CSB staff Marla Zometsky provided an overview of the grant and the program, noting this was a renewal of an existing grant that addresses tobacco prevention for youth ages three (3) to eight (8).

Daniel Sherrange made a motion to apply for and, if awarded, accept funding of \$150,000 for a three-year grant from Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth to implement the Al's Pals: Kids Making Healthy Choices Program. The motion was seconded by Srilekha Palle and unanimously approved.

D. *Bureau of Justice Assistance Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Application Request.*

Georgia Bachman presented the grant application for the CSB to apply for and, if awarded, accept funding from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Program Bureau of Justice Assistance request for a \$500,000, four-year grant that will enhance drug court services. The grant is from October 20, 2021 through September 30, 2022 and includes a 25% in-kind match.

Daria Akers made a motion apply for and, if awarded, accept funding in the amount of \$500,000 for a grant from Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Program Bureau of Justice Assistance enhance current drug court services. The motion was seconded by Captain Derek DeGeare and unanimously approved.

Bettina Lawton 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 7:11 p.m.

Actions Taken - -

- Motions required to start the virtual meeting including roll call & audibility, safety, electronic meeting and public access, and continuity in government were offered by Bettina Lawton, seconded, and passed.
- The draft February 17, 2021 Workgroup Minutes and the draft February 24, 2021 CSB Board Meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- The FY 2022 proposed Fee Schedule was approved for submission to the Board of Supervisors
- The draft Service Delivery Oversight Committee Charter was approved
- Approval to submit for and, if awarded, accept funding from the Virginia Foundation for Heath Youth Grant (Al's Pals)
- Approval to submit for and, if awarded, accept funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Application Request

April 28, 2021

Date Approved



Staff to the CSB Board