

OverFairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
Service Delivery Oversight Committee
April 14, 2021

The Service Delivery Oversight Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met in regular session at the Merrifield Center, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, VA, Room 3-314, West.

Committee Members in Attendance: Committee Chairs Sheila Jonas (Alexandria) and Garrett McGuire (Alexandria); CSB Board Member Daria Akers (Fairfax); CSB Board member Robert Bartolotta (Falls Church); CSB Board Member Captain Derek DeGeare (MCRC, Fairfax); CSB Board member Srilekha Palle (Fairfax); CSB Board member Edward Rose (Falls Church); and CSB Board member Daniel Sherrange (Chantilly); and CSB Board member Anne Whipple

Committee Members absent: Larysa Kautz

Associate Members in Attendance: Julie Allen and DeAnne Mullins, Cri; Dennis Brown and Lauren Goldschmidt, ServiceSource; Lance Elwood, Career Support Systems, Inc.; Rikki Epstein, Arc of Northern Virginia; Joe Getch, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (PRS); Maureen Gum, Langley Residential Support Services; Dan Kakitas, enCircle (previously Lutheran Family Services of VA); Susan Keenan, Community Living Alternatives; Cindy Koshatka, No. VA. Mental Health Foundation (NVMHF); Sean McGinnis, Hartwood Foundation; Zanelle Nichols, ECHO; Heather Peck, Laurie Mitchell Empowerment Career Center (LMECC); April Pinch-Keeler, MVLE; Theo Rucker-Abila, Employment Advocacy Group; Elaine Sommer, Northwest Center for Mental Health Advisory Board; Cynthia Sturdevant, Neighborhood Health; Bill Taylor, Concerned Fairfax; Eleanor Vincent, Pathway Homes, Inc.

Staff in Attendance: Georgia Bachman, Asst. Deputy Acute & Therapeutic Treatment Services; Scott Carter, Behavioral Health Manager; Marissa Fariña-Morse, Service Director Diversion First; David Simmons, Supportive Community Residential Services; Mike Suppa, Residential and Facilities Development Manager; and Lyn Tomlinson, Deputy Dir. Clinical Services

1. **Meeting Called to Order**

Garrett McGuire convened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call and Audibility**

Mr. McGuire conducted a roll call with each CSB Board Member present, as identified above, to confirm that a quorum of CSB Board members was present and audible. Mr. McGuire passed the virtual gavel to Committee Co-Chair Sheila Jonas to make several motions required to start the meeting.

A motion was offered confirming that each member's voice was audible to each other member of the CSB Board present this motion was seconded by Robert Bartolotta and passed unanimously.

3. Preliminary Motions

CSB SDOC Co-Chair Garrett McGuire 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 physically attend any such meeting, 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 Committee may conduct this meeting electronically through a video and web conferencing platform, that may be accessed via Meeting ID: 93798083037 and Passcode 644282. Motions were seconded by Captain Derek DeGeare and unanimously approved.

Mr. McGuire made a final motion that that all the matters addressed on today's agenda are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of the CSB Board Committee's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. The motion was seconded by Daniel Sherrange and unanimously passed.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Draft notes of the February 5, 2020 meeting were presented for review. Acknowledging that an insufficient number of members were present, and that the meeting was held informally, the notes were presented for committee review as a reminder of the last business conducted.

Draft minutes of the March 11, 2020 Behavioral Health Oversight Committee were submitted for approval by the members who were present at the meeting. Captain DeGeare made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded and approved by Committee members Sheila Jonas, Garrett McGuire, Daria Akers, and Captain Derek DeGeare. Abstentions included Robert Bartolotta; Srilekha Palle, Edward Rose, Daniel Sherrange, and Anne Whipple.

5. Matters of the Public

None were presented.

6. Service Delivery Oversight Committee (SDOC) Charter

Garrett McGuire presented the new SDOC Charter for review noting the committee was established with the merging of the Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health Oversight Committees.

Lyn Tomlinson, primary staff that worked with the Committee and the Board to develop the charter, highlighted that the primary focus of the committee is advocacy, education, outreach, and oversight. Recognizing that this is a well populated committee, Ms. Tomlinson offered assurances that efforts will continue to be made for open, collaborative, and supportive communication including the use of in-person and electronic breakout rooms and facilitation as requested. Members were encouraged to forward thoughts, recommendations, and questions to Erin for consideration and discussion by the Committee.

7. Associate Member Reports, Updates, and Concerns

Garrett McGuire opened the floor to Associate Members, acknowledging that nominations for Associate Membership were underway. All agencies represented were offered an opportunity to introduce themselves and provide a brief overview of the services provided and relationship to the CSB. Additionally, some brief updates to recent activities were provided including the following:

Heather Peck, LMECC: Legislative statewide issues and support update:

- 1115 Waiver – provides high need supports that is Medicaid reimbursable and provides housing and employment supports
- ASPIRE (Advancing State Policy and Integration for Recovery and Employment) provides ongoing support of evidence-based practice implemented IPS (Individual Placement and Support) supporting employment statewide
- Supported movement to legalize marijuana

Lauren Goldschmidt, ServiceSource

- Autism Appreciation event April 28, 2021, flyer to Erin for distribution member s were encouraged to participate.
- It was announced the Dennis Brown would be retiring soon with Kathy Baker, in attendance, would be stepping into that position when vacant.

Dennis Brown, ServiceSource

- Provided an update to a rate-setting workgroup that involves Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDS) and Department of Medical Assisted Services (DMAS) with a focus on reviewing and revising rates for the first time in eight years. The review also includes a review of the Medicaid Waiver reconstruction and the additional regulatory requirements. Reporting a pending survey to update staffing costs, members were strongly encouraged to participate. A robust discussion followed this update.

April Pinch-Keeler, MVLE

- Announced anticipation that they will re-open on or near June 1, 2021 with more information forthcoming.

8. Staff Reports

Lyn Tomlinson, provided an update to county efforts related to the Coronavirus; highlights included:

- Acknowledging the impact and challenge of providing services during COVID, Lyn Tomlinson expressed appreciation for the resiliency and commitment of everyone who met the challenges presented During COVID including CSB partners and staff, the individuals served, Neighborhood Health and the Health Department. Re-engagement plans include increasing the opportunity for face-to-face services.
- Ongoing efforts include responding to the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement (DOJSA) and implementation of STEP-VA and BRAVO (Behavioral

Health Redesign for Access, Value, and Outcomes) that has included expansion of CSB Crisis Services and enhanced the continuum of care in the community.

- Struggles with recruitment and retention continue, members were encouraged to offer solutions and strategies that they have successfully employed.

Elizabeth McCartney, Legislative Liaison, provided an overview of recent legislative activities to include a summary of the 2021 General Assembly legislative session:

- Developmental Disabilities:
 - Additional funding to address the 435 FIS (Family and Individual Support) Waiver slots added to address the Priority One waitlist.
 - Language only budget amendment: Reserve COVID funding to support DD Waiver Providers who suffered significant disruption to operations and revenue during the public health crisis.
 - Language only budget amendment: funding to permanent continuation of DD Telehealth services.
 - HB2047 and SB1315– Allow the introduction of evidence of mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and autism in criminal cases. Additionally, court appointed lawyers are required to obtain two additional mandatory continuing education credits for how to represent clients with these diagnoses.
 - SB1102 – require that DMAS establish an annual training and orientation program for personal care aids who provide self-directed-services.
 - DMAS workgroup to make recommendations on virtual supports to eliminate more barriers to access.
- Behavioral Health:
 - Legalization of marijuana - Becomes effective July 1, 2021 for possession and home cultivation. Requirements include:
 - 25% of state revenue from sales goes to substance use delivery and prevention services.
 - A CSB representative will serve on the advisory council.
 - The licensure board can refuse to grant licenses near substance use disorder treatment facilities.
 - Advertising is not permitted near treatment facilities.
 - The Governor added \$1M in funding for marijuana prevention and education for public health campaigns.
 - Opioid abatement authority – possible funding opportunity to reserve funds for addiction prevention and treatment.
 - Deeds Commission – studies mental health services in the 21st century. Is becoming a permanent legislative body.
 - Marcus Alert Bill – of significant interest to the CSB and Fairfax County with the Diversion First Initiative. Developing protocols to divert individuals in crisis to the behavioral health system. Interest in aligning with CSB efforts and STEP-VA crisis services.

Barbara Wadley-Young updated the committee to the recent and unexpected death of Betsy Schatz, former Executive Director of Langley Residential Services and Supports (LRSS) noting her many valuable contributions and offering condolences to LRSS staff present. Additionally, it was announced that Evan Jones, Director of Employment & Day Services would retire in early June 2021 after many years of service with the CSB.

Mr. Jones reported that re-engagement plans for Developmental Disability services have been posted on the CSB website at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/services/dd-reengagement>.

Michael T Lane reported the Wellness and Recovery Conference, Pathways to Recovery, is meeting for the 20th year, virtually, in Autumn 2021. More information is forthcoming, and all were encouraged to attend.

Lyn Tomlinson encouraged members to reach out with recommendations including for agenda items or other topics that may be helpful. Eleanor Vincent recommended adding an overview of the strategic plan and priorities as an agenda item.

The next meeting of the Service Delivery oversight Committee (SDOC) is June 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. It is anticipated that this meeting will be virtual. Updates will be provided as events occur.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Actions Taken –

- Approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2020 Behavioral Health Oversight Committee.

June 9, 2021

Date Approved



Clerk to the Board