

**FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 26, 2022**

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has made it unsafe to physically assemble a quorum in one location 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 in which 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**

Board Chair Garrett McGuire called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call, Audibility, and Preliminary Motions**

**PRESENT:**     **BOARD MEMBERS:** GARRETT MCGUIRE (ALEXANDRIA, VA), BOARD CHAIR; KAREN ABRAHAM (FAIRFAX, VA); JENNIFER ADELI (GREAT FALLS, VA); DARIA AKERS (FAIRFAX, VA); ROBERT BARTOLOTTA (FALLS CHURCH, VA); SHEILA COPLAN JONES (ALEXANDRIA, VA); CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE (LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA); LARYSA KAUTZ (FAIRFAX, VA); BETTINA LAWTON (VIENNA, VA); SRILEKHA PALLE (ALEXANDRIA, VA); DIANA RODRIGUEZ (MCCLEAN, VA); EDWARD ROSE (FALLS CHURCH, VA); ANDREW SCALISE (FAIRFAX, VA); DAN SHERRANGE (CHANTILLY, VA); SANDRA SLAPPEY BROWN (CITY OF FAIRFAX, VA); ANNE WHIPPLE (GREAT FALLS, VA)

**ABSENT:**     **BOARD MEMBERS:** NONE

**Also present:** Executive Director Daryl Washington, Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Lyn Tomlinson, Deputy Director of Administrative Operations Daniel Herr, Deputy County Attorney Cynthia Tianti, Healthcare Systems Director Jennifer Aloji, Director of Communications Lisa Flowers, Service Director Jim Gillespie, Deputy Director of Procurement and Material Management Lee Ann Pender, and Board Clerk Joseline Cadima

Board Chair Garrett 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. Board Chair Garrett McGuire passed the virtual gavel to Board Vice Chair Dan Sherrange to make several motions required to begin 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 Committee Member Bettina Lawton and passed unanimously.

**Preliminary Motions**

Board 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 Board may conduct this meeting electronically through a video and web conferencing platform, that may be accessed via Meeting ID: 829 3567 0459 and Passcode: 783752. Motions were seconded by Committee Member Captain Derek DeGeare and unanimously approved. Board Chair Garrett 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's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. The motion was seconded Board Member Robert Bartolotta and unanimously passed.

## **2. Matters of the Public**

Kimi Fergus, member of the public, addressed the board and noted her concerns over the temporary closing of the "New Generations" program, which is the only program in Fairfax County that allows a mother to enter treatment with her child. She spoke in detail of the importance of this program, especially during the ongoing Opioid Epidemic, and urged the CSB to re-consider the temporary closing and re-open it as soon as possible.

## **3. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda**

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

### **BOARD MEMBER CONSENSUS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

**AYES: BOARD MEMBERS:** GARRETT MCGUIRE (ALEXANDRIA, VA), BOARD CHAIR; KAREN ABRAHAM (FAIRFAX, VA); JENNIFER ADELI (GREAT FALLS, VA); DARIA AKERS (FAIRFAX, VA); ROBERT BARTOLOTTA (FALLS CHURCH, VA); SHEILA COPLAN JONES (ALEXANDRIA, VA); CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE (LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA); LARYSA KAUTZ (FAIRFAX, VA); BETTINA LAWTON (VIENNA, VA); SRILEKHA PALLE (ALEXANDRIA, VA); DIANA RODRIGUEZ (MCCLEAN, VA); EDWARD ROSE (FALLS CHURCH, VA); ANDREW SCALISE (FAIRFAX, VA); DAN SHERRANGE (CHANTILLY, VA); SANDRA SLAPPEY BROWN (CITY OF FAIRFAX, VA); ANNE WHIPPLE (GREAT FALLS, VA)

**NOES: BOARD MEMBERS:** NONE

**ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS:** NONE

**ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS:** NONE

## **4. Approval of the Minutes**

The November 17, 2021, CSB Board Meeting Minutes were provided for review, no amendments were made.

### **MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER BETTINA LAWTON, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER ED ROSE TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO.4.**

**AYES: BOARD MEMBERS:** GARRETT MCGUIRE (ALEXANDRIA, VA), BOARD CHAIR; KAREN ABRAHAM (FAIRFAX, VA); JENNIFER ADELI (GREAT FALLS, VA); DARIA AKERS (FAIRFAX, VA); ROBERT BARTOLOTTA (FALLS CHURCH, VA); SHEILA COPLAN JONES (ALEXANDRIA, VA); CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE (LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA); LARYSA KAUTZ (FAIRFAX,

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**NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE**

**ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE**

## 5. Director's Report

### A. Services Update

**Executive Director Daryl Washington** reported the redeployment of staff to two critical areas, the Assessment Unit and Adult Outpatient Services Unit, this was done due to the challenges of the ongoing high vacancy rate in these programs. Support Coordination Staff has been able review most of the Priority I, II, and III waiver waitlist. This consists of reviewing 2500 individual cases to allow for the release of 145 waivers for Fairfax County.

### B. COVID-19 Update

**Executive Director Daryl Washington** stated that CSB staff has been gravely affected by the Omicron Variant, with 30-40 staff testing positive on a weekly basis. On a positive note, those numbers have been decreasing recently and there continues to be a good amount of Personal Protective Equipment available for staff.

### C. Other Updates

**Executive Director Daryl Washington** reported on the current General Assembly Bills which want to address the hospital bed shortage crisis by changing the Virginia Code and allowing the CSB to be an entity to receive individuals under custody. There will be continued updates regarding these bills. Had the opportunity to meet the newly appointed Secretary of Human Services John Little and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Commissioner Nelson Smith during the Virtual VACSB Legislative Session. Provided an update on the "Crisis Services Continuum" implementation, which is a state-wide regional crisis hotline, which will then the appropriate resources will be deployed to provide services in the community. The current problem is that the State has contracted a data platform (the CSB has contracted with PRS Inc. to administer that data platform) which is not yet HIPAA complaint nor is it a viable platform where there is no risk associated with using our IT systems. It also mandates duplicate data entry for Crisis Services Staff that work in the CSB, as of now, no CSB in the Northern Virginia Region is entering data into this system.

**Executive Director Daryl Washington** stated that a stop-work letter was sent to Welligent at the end of December 2021, due to several deliverables not met or provided to us in an incomplete manner. Although there were several meetings with Welligent to express the ongoing concerns, their continued trend was not positive. Lastly, mentioned that Healthcare

Systems Director Jennifer Aloi and Deputy Director of Procurement and Material Management Lee Ann Pender are in attendance and can answer any questions related to the Welligent contract.

**Healthcare Systems Director Jennifer Aloi** noted that there were many lessons learned from this situation that will be implemented on the Electronic Health Record Update, whether that means staying with Welligent or going through another RFP process with a different vendor. Also mentioned that her and her team are working diligently to address any future problems they may come across with continuing the Electronic Health Record implementation.

**Deputy Director of Procurement and Material Management Lee Ann Pender** noted that the next few steps are dependent on how the CSB wants to move forward, and to keep in mind that doing another RFP, could take anywhere between 12-18 months.

## 6. Matters of the Board

**Board Member Robert Bartolotta** mentioned his appointment to the State Board for the Blind and Visually Impaired by Virginia Governor Northam.

**Board Member Srilekha Palle** stated her continued participation as CSB Board Member in the Pathway for Wellness Conference, there will be a hybrid event this May, and the flyer will be sent out to the Board with more information.

**Board Member Dan Sherrange** requested to receive more information on whether the State is considering getting the Crisis Services Continuum platform HIPAA certified.

**Board Chair Garrett McGuire** thanked Dan Sherrange, Jennifer Adeli, and Diana Rodriguez for representing the CSB and providing public testimony during the January Fairfax Delegation Public Hearing. Also referenced future opportunity to provide public testimony on behalf of the CSB for the Fairfax County's Budget Hearings. Mentioned that due to the surge of Omicron cases the Retreat scheduled for February 26, 2022, might be pushed out to different date, as many members have expressed their opinion to keep this in-person rather than changing it to a virtual event. A decision will be made next week, and an email will be sent providing an update. He also mentioned that March is Developmental Disability Inclusion Month, and we are collaborating with the Board's Clerk's Office on a proclamation that will be presented by the Board of Supervisors in March.

## 7. Committee Reports

### A. **Service Delivery Oversight Committee**

Committee Chair Anne Whipple mentioned their December meeting hosted a CASA Services Representative who provided a detailed summary of their services along with engaging in a robust conversation with associate members. **The next meeting is Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**

### B. **Compliance Committee**

Acting Committee Chair Dan Sherrange reported that Quality and Improvement Director Joan Rodgers provided her first report to the committee and stated work is underway to

develop a report that tracks staff training completions. **The next meeting is Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**

**C. Fiscal Oversight Committee**

Committee Chair Jennifer Adeli noted an all-time high vacancy rate during her time with the CSB, and mentioned the committee engaged in a very detailed discussion regarding the Electronic Health Record Update. **The next meeting is Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.**

**D. Other Reports**

None were raised.

**8. Action Items:**

**A. Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services (DBHDS) FY 2022 School-Based Mental Health Services Grant.**

**Service Director Jim Gillespie** presented the staff report, the grant request is of \$499,506 which would fund one full time Senior Clinician who will provide services in three schools for a total of three years, and a total of 120 students will be served.

**Board Member Discussion Included:** available candidates for this position, steps taken if no clinician is hired, and expressed gratitude for this type of service since transportation for children to and from services can be difficult.

**CSB Staff Responded:** the job description for this position is different from others, being that it allows a clinician to be in a school setting and work with children. Staff is hopeful that this unique position will generate many candidates. If a Clinician is not hired, then the grant money is returned due to not being able to abide by the grant terms or a decision can be made to allocate a clinician from an existing program for this grant.

**MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER BETTINA LAWTON TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.**

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**NOES: BOARD MEMBERS:** NONE

**ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS:** NONE

**ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS:** NONE

**Closed Session:**

**Board Chair Garrett McGuire** inquired whether there were any matters that required discussion in closed session, none were raised.

**Additional Discussion:**

**Board Member Jennifer Adeli** requested additional information on the recently closed program “New Generations”, and how many individuals were affected.

**Board Member Bettina Lawton** asked where new clients, mothers with children, go to since this program is offline.

**Executive Director Daryl Washington** responded the need to temporarily consolidate or take programs offline and move staff to other areas that have extremely high vacancy rates. The program New Generations has the smallest number of people affected by this change.

**Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Lyn Tomlinson** noted that during the temporary closure of this program, there were four individuals in service, all of whom were moved to other programs. Also mentioned that New Generations has a total of around 17 to 19 part-time and full-time employees. Reported that new clients with children will go to “Crossroads” where they can be admitted into services with their children.

**9. Adjournment**

**Board Chair Garrett McGuire** adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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**NOES: BOARD MEMBERS:** NONE

**ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS:** NONE

**ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS:** NONE

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02/23/2022

Date Approved

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*Josefine Cadima*

Clerk to the CSB Board