

**FAIRFAX FALLS-CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2023**

The CSB Executive Committee met in regular session at the Sharon Bulova Center, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Level 3, Room 3-314 West, Fairfax, VA 22031

1. Meeting Called to Order

Acting Committee Chair Captain Daniel Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. Roll Call, Audibility, and Preliminary Motions

PRESENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** ACTING COMMITTEE CHAIR CAPTAIN DANIEL WILSON;
CLAUDIA VOLK; ANDREW SCALISE; EVAN JONES

ABSENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** DAN SHERRANGE; GARRETT MCGUIRE; BETTINA
LAWTON

Also present: Deputy Director of Community Living Barbara Wadley-Young, Deputy Director of Administrative Operations Jean Post, Director of Clinical Operations Abbey May, Division Director of BHOP Eileen Bryceland, and Board Clerk Sameera Awan.

3. Matters of the Public

None were presented.

4. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was presented for review, and no amendments were made by the Consensus of the Committee. The meeting agenda was approved.

5. Approval of the Minutes

The October 18, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting minutes were presented for review and revision in the December 13, 2023, agenda, given the absence of a quorum at the November 8, 2023, meeting.

MOTION TO ADOPT OCTOBER 18, 2023, MEETING MINUTES WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CLAUDIA VOLK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER ANDREW SCALISE.

MOTION TO ADOPT WAS APPROVED BY CAPTAIN DANIEL WILSON, EVAN JONES, CLAUDIA VOLK, AND ANDREW SCALISE.

6. Director's Report

Deputy Director of Community Living Barbara Wadley-Young provided an update, stating that in the recent State Budget Amendment, \$30M was allocated for permanent supportive housing, with an additional \$7M surplus. Meetings with the state are ongoing to discuss the allocation of

these funds. The Fairfax County Housing Authority has committed to supporting 300 housing units starting in the spring of 2023 through August 2026 at a rate of eight units per month. The priority populations for permanent supportive housing are individuals exiting psychiatric hospitals and those experiencing chronic homelessness. The CSB's permanent housing support team manages 228 units at present, with plans to collaborate with the state for an additional 300 units. Three critical time intervention Case Management positions funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and Mental Health Block Grant funds are proposed to work with individuals transitioning into housing. The CSB is also asked to manage client assistance funds for housing-related needs and coordinate referrals for community providers. Preliminary discussions with the state indicate plans for increased staffing to support the additional housing units. The CSB has received 82 waiver slots and an additional 15 slots, with expectations of more over the fiscal year. Updates on the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement note progress in compliance, particularly in Case Management quality reviews. Challenges include high turnover rates for support coordinators and average caseloads across the state at 31.5, compared to the CSB's range of 20 to 27. The CSB is actively addressing compliance issues and improving case management reviews. Dr. Wadley-Young also shared information on a Washington Post article regarding the JLARC (Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission) report, highlighting challenges faced by state-operated psychiatric hospitals, including recruitment and retention issues, patient safety concerns, and high complaint volumes received by the Office of the Inspector General.

Director of Clinical Operations Abbey May provided updates on the Youth Behavioral Health Expansion teams, including the Youth Medicated Assisted Therapy and Outreach and Engagement teams. Interviews for management positions are scheduled by the end of the month, with decisions on team locations expected soon. The Youth and MAT program spaces have been identified at South County and Sharon Bulova, marking progress. Regarding the Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) funding for the regional Youth Detox program, a tiered approach is being considered, and a vote from the regional management group is awaited. The plan involves purchasing a service agreement for Youth Detox and Crisis Receiving Center for Youth. The RFP (request for proposal) is being tweaked to broaden the scope to include mental health crisis services. Additionally, efforts are ongoing to identify sites for the long-term facility purchase. An exciting partnership with George Mason University for their Bridge Program was highlighted. The collaborative effort, involving the Opioid Task Force and INOVA Health Systems, aims to provide Medicated Assisted Treatment to Youth and Adults in emergency situations. The Bridge Program would follow up within 24 to 48 hours, offering continued support until they can access services from a private provider or the CSB, depending on insurance and other factors. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow to discuss workflows and logistics with INOVA and the Opioid Task Force.

Deputy Director of Administrative Operations Jean Post provided updates on various matters. She mentioned the \$58M in the governor's budget for Crisis Receiving Centers and noted that region 2, including Northern Virginia, is evaluating facilities in Prince William, Loudoun, and Fairfax counties to determine priorities for moving forward with the state. The state has already awarded programs to other regions, excluding region 2. Regarding the new STEP-VA (System Transformation Excellence and Performance) funding, Jean informed the group about the addition of positions for care coordination, case management, psychiatric

rehab services, primary care screening, outpatient, and same-day access. A total of 6 positions are being considered, and this matter is expected to be presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on January 23, 2024, for approval of just under \$200K. Jean discussed the feedback from exit surveys, indicating that supervisor and management issues were flagged as a primary reason for staff turnover. In response, efforts are underway to enhance leadership training programs, including implementing a Development Program focusing on Wellness and Leadership training. The next session is scheduled for March 2024. Additionally, a senior learning and development consultant is preparing a proposal for middle and first-line manager development. In Human Resources, Jean shared positive news about appointing a new Director of Human Resources for the county. Starting on January 8th, the new director brings experience from Yellowstone, Washington, where she served as the Human Resource Director with responsibilities for labor negotiations and legal contracts. Jean expressed anticipation in meeting the new director and closed on a positive note.

B) Healthcare Record Update

Deputy Director of Administrative Operations Jean Post shared that there were no updates on the electronic health record.

7. CSB Board Annual Planning Calendar

Acting Committee Chair Captain Daniel Wilson reminded everyone that the Fiscal Oversight Committee meeting scheduled for December 14, 2023, would be conducted virtually.

8. Matters of the Executive Committee

A. Service Delivery Oversight Committee:

Service Delivery Oversight Committee Chair Evan Jones provided updates from last week's meeting. He shared that at the previous Service Delivery Oversight Committee meeting, there was a surprising announcement that Anne Whipple had resigned, and Evan was suggested as the new chair. Anne, who is still active on the committee, expressed that someone else might have more ideas for revitalizing the committee, given the decline in attendance. Evan is willing to accept the role and expressed a commitment to making a positive impact. He, along with Abbey May and Barbara Wadley-Young, plan to strategize and implement ideas to increase community involvement. Evan mentioned a legislative update during the meeting and highlighted a presentation from a member of the public who shared a challenging experience with CSB services. Evan suggested the need for protocols or guidelines in handling such situations, acknowledging Anne's effective handling of the matter, and expressing a desire to have a plan in place should a similar situation arise. **The next Service Delivery Oversight Committee meeting is Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 5:00 PM.**

B. Compliance Committee:

Acting Compliance Committee Chair Captain Daniel Wilson had no updates or information to share from the November 2023 meeting. **The next meeting of the Compliance Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in conjunction with the Executive Committee meeting starting at 4:00 PM.**

C. Fiscal Oversight Committee:

Fiscal Oversight Committee Chair Claudia Volk mentioned that Abby May is collaborating with the Services Director to thoroughly assess and report on the utilization of Substance Abuse Services and beds. The goal is to enhance understanding and consider reallocating resources if the demand doesn't warrant current allocations. The discussion also touched on the unassigned Medicare waivers issued in July, exploring how many remain unassigned and identifying the reasons for assignment, spanning from July onward. **The next Fiscal Oversight Committee meeting is Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 4:00 PM.**

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Committee Member Andrew Scalise and seconded by Committee Member Evan Jones. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Date Approved

Clerk to the Board