

**FAIRFAX FALLS-CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2024**

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

Committee Chair Dan Sherrange called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.

2. Roll Call, Audibility, and Preliminary Motions

PRESENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** COMMITTEE CHAIR DAN SHERRANGE; ANDREW SCALISE; JIM GILLESPIE

ABSENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** BETTINA LAWTON, EVAN JONES, CAPTAIN DANIEL WILSON

Also present: Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Barbara Wadley-Young, Deputy Director of Administrative Operations Jean Post, Legislative and Grants Analyst Elizabeth McCartney 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

March 20, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were provided for review; no amendments were made.

MOTION TO ADOPT MARCH 20, 2024, MEETING MINUTES WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER ANDREW SCALISE, JIM GILLESPIE AND DAN SHERRANGE.

6. Director's Report

A) Youth Services and Crisis Response Centers

Deputy Director of Administrative Operations Jean Post shared updates on various initiatives:

The Youth Opioid Abatement RFP has been released and will close in early June. There's hope for substantial interest in enhancing service and capacity. Updates on Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and Crisis Receiving Centers (CRC) follow:

- Collaborative efforts with Connections to reopen the Chantilly Center, primarily for adults under Temporary Detention Orders (TDO), are underway. A ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremony has been scheduled for the afternoon of June 6, 2024.
- Construction for the Prince William County CRC, awarded to Taft Construction, is ongoing. A project director has been assigned from Prince William County government to oversee operations, aiming for expeditious completion. The CRC is expected to be operational in Spring 2025.
- In Loudoun County, the process of finalizing the design is nearing completion, and certifying entities are currently being identified. The projected operation timeline is 2.5 years.

Discussions among Regional and State Crisis Services are ongoing due to disparate risk tolerances across call centers, affecting effective dispatching. Coordination efforts aim to navigate these differences for better crisis management.

Furthermore, the decision not to proceed with laying the groundwork for Virginia's application for the federal CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics) demonstration project in 2026 carries significant implications. This postpones the implementation of a prospective pay model, impacting service funding and evidence-based practices. Regarding the Board of Supervisors (BOS) 18 positions for Youth Outreach and Engagement:

- Three positions have been successfully filled, with ten currently in the recruitment process and three awaiting acceptance of offer letters.
- Of the eight youth merit positions, seven are currently in the recruitment process, and one has a confirmed start date.

Participation in a closed session with the BOS regarding potential Crisis Receiving Center sites yielded positive outcomes. A directive was given to explore two additional properties, with possible approval pending their evaluation. These updates showcase progress and collaborative efforts in various areas of service enhancement and crisis management.

B) Developmental Disability Waivers

Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Barbara Wadley-Young provided a brief update on the DD (Developmental Disabilities) waiver waitlist during the meeting:

- The initial information session is set to take place on Wednesday, April 24th, from 5:00 PM -7:00 PM and is aimed at engaging community members. Details regarding upcoming orientation sessions have been shared, starting with the Arc of Northern Virginia hosting on May 20th, providing guidance on what to expect while awaiting a DD waiver. The following orientation session, on May 30th, will be hosted by the DD Support Coordination team, focusing on expectations post-allocation of a DD Waiver. Interested individuals can access registration links and further information on the dedicated web page, alongside newsletter resources and CSB contact information. Promotion of these sessions have also been conducted via the county calendar and CSB social media platforms.

- Preparations for upcoming allocations are ongoing. Currently, there are six vacancies, with plans to hire for these positions, as well as an additional seven for FY24. Efforts will continue to secure an additional seven for FY25 through ongoing advertising. Dedicated staff are tasked with hiring for these support coordinator positions.
- Early challenges with the waiver slot allocation committee volunteers were noted. All CSBs in Region 2 were asked to assist in voting participation in central volunteerism for this service. Heather Norton, the assistant commissioner of developmental services, addressed this issue during the Service Delivery Oversight Committee meeting last week, mentioning the state's preliminary plan to utilize volunteers from across the state, if needed, to support Northern Virginia due to the volume of waivers.

C) Additional House Collaboration with Fairfax Housing Authority

Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Barbara Wadley-Young shed light on the Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative, highlighting a notice on the CSB public website regarding the partnership with the DBHDS (Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services) and the Fairfax County Redevelopment Housing Authority. To elucidate the project's scope, she directed attention to Agenda Item #6B.2, providing an overview. Presently, a Permanent Supportive Housing team comprising a manager, supervisor, and four housing specialists oversees 158 units, 120 of which are state-funded. An MOU (memorandum of understanding) with Pathway Homes facilitates tenancy support and the rental process. Of the state-funded units, 120 are designated for individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI), while an additional 38, funded by Fairfax County, assist in Diversion First initiatives. Backed by a \$20 million state allocation, expansion efforts aim to offer 300 units over two years. Priority will be given to individuals transitioning from hospitals or supervised living arrangements and to those experiencing chronic homelessness. Fifty units will be allocated to Pathway Homes for an ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) program in the northern Fairfax County region. Collaborative efforts with housing and community development involve issuing certificates for housing units and reviewing applications for tenancy support teams. Behavioral health support specialists and supervisors will offer in-kind services, including access to nursing services. Sixteen individuals awaiting permanent supportive housing will receive vouchers, facilitating additional staff support. A screening and referral committee will prioritize referrals, while client assistance funds will provide up to \$7,500 per individual for security deposits and furnishings. Engagement teams will continue to provide support and coordinate care. They plan to begin issuing certificates monthly until they reach the 300-unit goal by August 2026.

D) Legislative Budget

Legislative and Grants Analyst Elizabeth McCartney shared that the Governor and lawmakers will discuss changes to the budget during the upcoming reconvene session in May 2024. The budget proposed by Governor Youngkin in December and amended throughout the year is now set aside, with a new budget on the horizon. While the specifics regarding Behavioral Health and DD Waivers remain uncertain, these elements were included in the Governor's budget and the

General Assembly's conference report. Although there hasn't been specific feedback, these provisions are hoped to be retained. Funding for various behavioral health initiatives, such as loan repayment, increased rates, school services, workforce development, and opioid-related programs, were either in the Governor's budget or amended by the General Assembly. While the Governor reduced some increases, many were retained, indicating potential continuity. Elizabeth acknowledged significant unknowns surrounding tax agreements, metro funding, and revenue outlook. Despite uncertainties, she emphasized alignment on critical issues like DD waivers and Priority One Waitlist elimination, suggesting that these efforts may continue when the reconvene session takes place in May 2024 and be implemented by July 2024. Elizabeth has contacted Community Services Board member Daria Akers to ensure that the county's presentation on DD waivers and related initiatives includes the latest budget updates.

7. CSB Board Annual Planning Calendar

Committee Chair Dan Sherrange reminded all attendees that the board would not meet in April and that he would not be available for any meetings in July 2024.

8. Matters of the Executive Committee

A. Service Delivery Oversight Committee:

SDOC Committee Vice Chair Jim Gillespie provided committee updates, including a presentation by Heather Norton, the assistant commissioner from DBHDS, on the expansion of DD waivers. The rest of the agenda focused on youth-related topics, such as expanding Youth Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) and establishing new outreach and engagement teams in the county. He highlighted the benefits and challenges of these expansions. Additionally, there was an update from Healthy Minds Fairfax on their short-term behavioral health services for income-eligible students and families. Lastly, a presentation was given on the Transition to Independence (TIP) program, which supports older youth transitioning into adulthood with mental health or developmental disabilities. **The next Service Delivery Oversight Committee meeting is Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 5:00 PM.**

B. Compliance Committee:

Compliance Committee Chair Dan Sherrange noted that Director of Quality Improvement Joan Rodgers presented the CSB Board Audit Report, the CSB Board CAP Report, and the CSB Board Annual Training Data. **The next meeting of the Compliance Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in conjunction with the Executive Committee meeting starting at 4:00 PM.**

C. Fiscal Oversight Committee:

Acting Chair of the Fiscal Oversight Committee, Andrew Scalise delivered updates on the committee, noting they would convene the following day. Upon reviewing the agenda packet for the upcoming meeting, he observed that vacancies remained relatively stable, with no significant growth or decline since the packet's preparation. Time and Treatment

were also down, which was positive, though not yet at the desired level. Budgets versus actuals showed no substantial changes, aligning closely with projections for the year. **The next meeting of the Fiscal Oversight Committee is Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.**

9. Adjournment

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

Date Approved

Clerk to the Board