FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

BOARD MEETING

June 24, 2026

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met in regular session at the Sharon Bulova Center located at 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22031, in room 3-314 West.

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
   Board Chair Andrew Scalise called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

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

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Name	Role	Location
Andrew Scalise	Chair	Fairfax County At-Large
Bettina Lawton	Member	Hunter Mill District
Karen Abraham	Member	Braddock District
Daria Akers	Member	Fairfax County At-Large
Jennifer Desai	Member	City of Fairfax
Jesper Sullivan den Bergh	Member	Mason District
Dr. Patricia Zissios	Member	Franconia District
Evan Jones	Vice Chair	Fairfax County At-Large
Captain Jaime Popik	Member	Office of the Sheriff
Anne Whipple	Member	Dranesville District
Michele Menapace	Member	Fairfax County At-Large
Daniel Sherrange	Member	Sully District
Kasey McNamara	Member	Providence District
Srilekha Palle	Member	Springfield District
Sarah Coughter	Secretary	City of Falls Church

Virtual on Teams: Casey Eggleston, Mount Vernon

Staff in Attendance: Executive Director, Jordan Scheff, Deputy Director of Clinical Operations, Barbara Wadley-Young; Deputy Director of Clinical Operations, Abbey May; Deputy Director of Administrative Operations, Jean Post; Communications Director, Jennifer Wiles; Senior Strategy Director, Shweta Adyanthaya; Legislative Liaison, Elizabeth McCartney; Jail Diversion and ICM Behavioral Health Manager, Cecelia Chrosny; Division Director, Sarah Gary and Board Clerk, Pura Valdez

Virtual on Teams**:** Kevin Lafin; Linda Mount; Eileen Bryceland; Bernadette Landry; Michael T. Lane; Shwetal Adwait Parikh, and Yusuf Enum

3. **Matters of the Public**
   No public comments were presented.

4. **Amendments to the Meeting Agenda**
   The meeting agenda for June 24, 2026, was distributed for review. During the meeting, members were informed that a closed session is scheduled for the evening. With no amendments requested, the agenda was accepted as presented.

5. **Approval of Minutes**
   The minutes from the May 27, 2026, meeting were distributed to members for review. Hearing no amendments, Board Member Bettina Lawton moved to approve the minutes and seconded by Daria Akers. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Presentation: Court Services-Specialty Dockets in Jail-based & Diversion Services Division**
   Jail and Court Based Services Division Director Sarah Gary presented on the Court Services-Specialty Dockets in Jail-based and Diversion Services Division. Sarah Gary provided an overview of ongoing work within Fairfax County to strengthen behavioral health support, reentry programming, and specialty court docket services. She highlighted current service delivery operations, challenges, and upcoming developments aimed at improving continuity of care and expanding support for residents involved in the criminal justice system.

   Timely Access to Services
   The program continues to prioritize rapid access to behavioral health services, ensuring individuals are assessed quickly and connected to the appropriate level of care including BHOP (Behavioral Health Outpatient Programs), outpatient treatment, and higher-intensity interventions when needed. Staff emphasized the importance of maintaining minimal or no waitlists to preserve consistent, high-quality service delivery. Adequate funding remains essential for sustaining this model. The program also received positive recognition from a former Fairfax public defender, who praised the CSB's long-standing commitment to client support.

   Program Expansion and New FY27 Initiatives
   Beginning in September 2026, the Diversion Engagement Team will launch enhanced reentry case management services for young adults returning to Fairfax County from the Department of Juvenile Justice. The initiative, supported by state guidance, focuses on individuals aged 21 and younger, extended to 26 for those formerly involved in foster care and provides up to three billable encounters to ensure timely linkage to appropriate services. Staff anticipate that this targeted approach will strengthen reentry outcomes and improve long-term stability for young people. The program is also expanding its young adult recovery services and pursuing sustainable staffing solutions for MOUD (Medications for Opioid Use Disorder) services in the jail. Transitioning contracted positions into merit-based roles will promote long-term stability and support for individuals with substance use needs.

   Specialty Court Dockets
   The presentation outlined the distinct focus areas of Fairfax County's specialty court dockets; each tailored to specific populations and needs:

• **Veterans Treatment Docket** – Serves veterans across multiple courts who are identified as high risk and high need, typically requiring intensive case management and support for both mental health and substance use conditions.
• **Mental Health Docket** – Operates within General District Court for individuals with a primary diagnosis of serious mental illness whose criminal charge is directly related to that diagnosis. Exceptions may occur but are limited.
• **Recovery Docket** – Serves individuals in Circuit Court with primary substance use disorder diagnoses.

Understanding these distinctions ensures that individuals are placed in the docket best aligned with their legal circumstances and clinical needs. The Division remains committed to expanding access, strengthening reentry services, and refining specialty docket pathways. Future priorities include securing sustainable funding, deepening staffing capacity, and enhancing coordinated support for residents across Fairfax County.

7. <u>Executive Director's Report</u>

Executive Director Jordan Scheff opened the meeting by sharing his transition from Connecticut to Fairfax County, underscoring his cabinet-level experience and commitment to leading the CSB through a period of organizational learning and refinement. He also highlighted recognition received by CSB's Opioid Response Manager, Ellen Volo, and recommended inviting her to a future board meeting.

Jordan Scheff reported that Fairfax County's budget planning has shifted away from major reductions and is now focused on consolidation, program adjustments, and efficiency improvements. He noted the General Assembly's approval of the biennial budget and expressed appreciation for staff leadership that supported a smooth transition during recent personnel changes.

Legislative Liaison Elizabeth McCartney provided updates on the state budget and the forthcoming 2027 legislative cycle. Discussion centered on a recent U.S. Department of Justice memo referencing the Olmsted decision. Staff clarified that the memo represents a legal opinion and does not alter existing law. Fairfax County remains committed to community integration, and no movement toward institutionalization is anticipated in Virginia despite concerns voiced by advocacy groups.

Clinical Director of Operations Barbara Wadley-Young briefed the board on significant changes resulting from HR1, including an anticipated $8.8 million annual reduction in federal SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program) cost share beginning FY 2027. The Department of Family Services has incorporated this impact into planning and convened a multi-agency work group to ensure coordinated messaging. DMAS (Department of Medical Assistance Services) is providing communication resources, and statewide webinars continue to support providers. CSB staff are evaluating potentially affected clients and preparing assistance to maintain continuity of care and connect individuals with alternative support.

Senior Strategy Director Shweta Adyanthaya encouraged feedback on improvements to the Annual Report. Board members discussed enhancing revenue graphics to reduce the potential for misinterpretation and recommended developing polished, visually engaging one-page service summaries consistent with previous publications.

The board also evaluated the usefulness of monthly media reports. Members questioned whether full presentations remain necessary and suggested shifting to milestone-based updates, written-only summaries, or quarterly highlights. They agreed that future reporting formats should align with the primary goals of situational awareness, leadership engagement, and proactive communication tied to key awareness months.

8. Action Item

The Board conducted its annual election of officers. The Nominating Committee presented the slate for the upcoming term, nominated Andrew Scalise as Chair, Evan Jones as Vice Chair, and Michele Menapace as Secretary. Board members were invited to offer additional nominations; none were proposed. The slate was approved unanimously by acclamation.

The Board also completed its annual reaffirmation of Policy 1600, which governs virtual meetings and remote electronic participation for full Board meetings and standing committees. A motion to adopt the policy as presented was made and seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor, formally approving the policy for the year.

9. Matters of the Board

The board reviewed upcoming scheduling items, including confirmation that the Fiscal Oversight Committee will not meet in July due to year end financial activities. Members also prepared for the board's planned visit to the Adult Detention Center and were provided with logistical guidance on parking, security procedures, and permitted personal items. Standard safety restrictions, such as the prohibition of weapons and contraband, were reaffirmed.

Board members shared reflections from recent community events. Karen Abraham highlighted a Centers for Opportunity gathering, describing it as exceptionally well organized and deeply moving. The event featured personal stories from individuals who had made significant progress in their lives, leaving a lasting impression on attendees.

Daniel Sherrange reported on the Identity Emergency Services conference, commending Abbey May's team for coordinating a strong collaborative event involving CSB, police, and sheriff's office staff. A key presentation from a Fairfax County psychologist and threat assessment leader focused on identifying individuals particularly youth influenced by social media who may be at risk of causing serious harm.

This presentation prompted broader discussion about the board's understanding of the Fairfax County Threat Assessment Team and the regional collaboration that supports this work. Questions were raised about whether CSB has sufficient psychological resources to meet emerging needs. Abbey May's team is gathering data to help assess next steps, and board

members were encouraged to consider a future presentation or site visit to deepen their understanding of threat assessment practices and their importance to community and school safety.

10. **Committee Reports**

The Service Delivery and Oversight Committee reviewed upcoming redevelopment plans for Melwood's Arlington facility, which will feature affordable housing, recreational space, and service delivery offices. Members also heard an overview of the Wish Center in Alexandria, a program focused on helping individuals pursue personal goals, with a board tour scheduled for September. The committee approved outstanding minutes and discussed concerns about disruptions in Medicaid transportation services, which have affected families relying on these providers for access to employment, medical care, and programs. The committee plans to revisit the issue in a future meeting. Next SDOC meeting will be on August 12, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.

The Fiscal Oversight Committee

The Fiscal Oversight Committee reported strong operational performance, citing clear dashboards, improved analytics, and positive trends in HR metrics, including a low vacancy rate and encouraging feedback from departing employees. Improvements in time to treatment data were noted across multiple service areas. Members expressed confidence in staff responsiveness, sharing examples of resourceful problem-solving during unexpected events. The committee closed with appreciation for the fiscal chair's leadership and ongoing commitment. There were also lighthearted conversations and appreciation for the fiscal chair Dr. Patricia Zissios, acknowledging the dedication and humor brought to the role. Members noted the strength of the organization, reflecting on how much has improved over time. The departing chair expressed ongoing support, willingness to assist with future public testimony, and admiration for the commitment and capability of CSB staff. Next Fiscal Oversight Committee meetingwill be on August 19, 2026, at 4:00 P.M.

The Compliance and Executive Committees met jointly to review ongoing audit activity. The CSB continues to undergo numerous external reviews, including more than 1,000 client file audits from insurers. Staff were commended for their diligence in managing these demands. The Executive Committee also reported continued progress on the Electronic Health Record (EHR) implementation, with a full briefing expected next month as the project approaches its anticipated go-live date. Next Executive Committee meeting will be on July 15, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. Next Compliance Committee meeting will be on August 19, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.

Other Report:

Finally, the board received an update on the Consolidated Community Funding Pool from Michele Menapace. Community volunteers reviewed more than 100 proposals competing for $9.5 million in funding, following a long-established process designed to ensure impartiality and community oversight. Recent structural changes have shifted essential emergency food and shelter services out of the competitive pool and into direct contracting with county agencies, supported by additional funding. Michele Menapace encouraged members to review the CCFP report, highlighted the ongoing need for volunteer reviewers, and noted that several organizations aligned with CSB priorities including those supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and substance use needs, are expected to receive awards.

11. Information Item

The board briefly reviewed two policies scheduled for action at the next meeting. The first, the Compliance Program Policy, contains no substantive changes and will be reaffirmed as part of standard oversight practice. The second, the Risk Management Policy, has undergone a significant update. Originally drafted in 2019, the policy no longer reflected current operations, prompting the Executive Committee, working closely with Bettina Lawton and Daniel Sherrange to comprehensively revise the document to align with the organization's current needs and practices.

Board members were asked to take both policies home for careful review and consider whether the updated Risk Management Policy accurately represents the organization's work today. Any suggested edits or additions will be discussed at the next board meeting before final approval.

Closed Session

Before concluding the open session, the Board Chair asked whether any members had additional items for discussion. With no further topics raised, the board prepared to transition into a closed session. The chair noted that several members had questions or feedback to share particularly regarding the Executive Director's ongoing transition—and encouraged members to remain for the brief session, though participation was optional due to the late hour. A similar opportunity for discussion will be offered at the July meeting.

The board then formally entered closed session. A motion was made and seconded to convene the Fairfax–Falls Church Community Services Board Meeting in a closed meeting for the discussion of personnel matters, as authorized under Virginia Code § 2.23711(A)(1). The motion passed unanimously, and the board proceeded into closed session. Members participating in person included Daniel Sherrange, Andrew Scalise, Evan Jones, Dr. Patricia Zissios, Bettina Lawton, Karen Abraham, Daria Akers, Kasey McNamara, Sarah Coughter, Captain Jaime Popik, Jesper Sullivan den Bergh, and Srilekha Palle.

Upon concluding the closed discussion, the Board Chair moved to return to open session in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-3712. Participating members certified that the closed session was limited solely to matters permitted under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and that only topics identified in the original motion were discussed. The motion passed with approval from Daniel Sherrange, Andrew Scalise, Evan Jones, Dr. Patricia Zissios, Bettina Lawton, Karen Abraham, Daria Akers, and Sarah Coughter.

12. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER BETTINA LAWTON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, WHICH WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:51 P.M.

July 22, 2026
Date Approve

Pura Valdez
Clerk to the Board