

# FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD SERVICE DELIVERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

**Evan Jones, Chair**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 5:00 PM**

Sharon Bulova Center for Community Health  
8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Room 3-314 West  
Fairfax, VA 22031

## **MEETING AGENDA**

<b>1. Meeting Called to Order</b>	<b>Evan Jones</b>
<b>2. Roll Call, Audibility and Preliminary Motions</b>	<b>Evan Jones</b>
<b>3. Matters of the Public</b>	<b>Evan Jones</b>
<b>4. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda</b>	<b>Evan Jones</b>
<b>5. Approval of Meeting Minutes (June 11, 2025)</b>	<b>Evan Jones</b>
<b>6. Presentation</b>	<b>Cheryl Moore</b>
A. Melwood	
<b>7. Legislative Update</b>	<b>Elizabeth McCartney</b>
<b>8. Northern Virginia Regional Office Update</b>	<b>Sebastian Tezna</b>
<b>9. Community Partner Reports, Updates, and Concerns</b>	<b>Evan Jones</b>
<b>10. Matter of the Committee</b>	<b>Evan Jones</b>
<b>11. Adjournment</b>	<b>Evan Jones</b>

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# FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD SERVICE DELIVERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## June 11, 2025

The Service Delivery Oversight Committee 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

Committee Chair Evan Jones called the meeting to order at 5:08 P.M.

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

**PRESENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** COMMITTEE CHAIR EVAN JONES; DARIA AKERS; SHEILA COPLAN JONAS; ANNE WHIPPLE; BETTINA LAWTON; KASEY MCNAMARA; BOARD CHAIR DAN SHERRANGE

**Staff in Attendance:** Executive Director, Daryl Washington; Division Director of Contracts and Supportive Services, Kevin Lafin; Medical Director, Dr. Debra O'Beirne; Deputy Director of Clinical Operations, Abbey May; Deputy Director of Clinical Operations, Dr. Barbara Wadley-Young; Division Director of Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office, Sebastian Tezna; Senior Strategy Director, Shweta Adyanthaya; Division Director of Adult Behavioral Health Outpatient & Case Management Services, Eileen Bryceland; Chief Financial Officer, Elif Ekingen; Legislative Liaison, Elizabeth McCartney; Division Director, Behavioral Health Nursing, Yussuf Enum; Program Manager, Family Services, Peter Steinberg; Division Director, Recovery Services, Michael Lane; Division Director, Residential Services, Liv O'Neal; Division Director, DD Support Coordination, Sierra Simmons and Board Clerk, Pura Valdez;

### 3. Matters of the Public

**Ms. Trudy Harsh** voiced concern about the 5:00 o'clock meeting, requesting consideration to schedule a meeting to make it easier for the general public to participate, including those who get off at 4:30 P.M. She also expressed a desire to have more services like the Stevenson Place Assisted Living Facility to better meet community needs. Ms. Harsh suggests "mental health" is an inadequate term and advocates for reframing it as "brain disease" to align with other medical conditions like kidney or heart disease. Trudy also recalls a time when there was enough funding and land available to build more housing for individuals with serious mental illness. She raises concerns about the lack of progress in expanding these facilities despite prior resources and emphasizes the need for at least two additional homes.

#### 4. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was provided for review, and Daria Akers made a motion to move Peter Steinberg's presentation to Agenda #6. Bettina Lawton seconded the motion, and the agenda was amended unanimously.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from April 9, 2025, Service Delivery Oversight Committee meeting were presented for review. With no revisions proposed, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Daria Akers and seconded by the Board Chair Daniel Sherrange. The committee approved the minutes, with abstentions noted from Bettina Lawton and Daniel Sherrange.

#### 6. Overview of the New Care Navigation Program

**Program Manager Family Services Peter Steinberg** talked about the Healthy Minds Fairfax Care Navigation Program. Care Navigation is a centralized access point for youth up to age 24 and their families in Fairfax County who are not yet connected to behavioral health services. It is not case management or crisis navigation (like 988), and it's not peer led. Instead, it's a structured, assessment-based approach to connect individuals to appropriate services. The Care Navigation Program are contracted services through partnerships with HopeLink Behavioral Health and Northern Virginia Family Services. There is a tailored version of the program for Spanish-speaking immigrant families. The program offers in-home or community-based support during flexible hours and includes culturally sensitive psychoeducation and assistance. It can be accessed via email referrals or using online referral forms and walk-ins at HopeLink Behavioral Health at 10455 White Granite Dr Ste 400, Oakton, VA 22124. This model emphasizes equity, empowerment, and support of the whole family, especially for those who are disconnected from traditional systems. In addition, there is a new centralized website <https://fxcobxhealth.findhelp.com> available for youth and their families to access information on available services in the community.

#### 7. Fiscal & Agency Outlook for FY26 and Beyond

**Executive Director Daryl Washington** shared important updates about the future of behavioral health and developmental services in Fairfax. The State Performance Contract, which outlines service goals and funding plans, is now open for public comment. Community voices are encouraged as the CSB Board and County Supervisors prepare for final approval.

Several priorities and challenges were also highlighted:

- **Opioid and Youth Treatment:** While overdoses are decreasing, fentanyl remains a serious risk. A new treatment center for youth will soon open in Chantilly, serving Fairfax and surrounding areas.
- **Developmental Disability (DD) Services:** Many individuals with disabilities are still waiting for support, even with new waiver allocations. Over 1,000 people in our area remain on a waitlist, raising concerns about long-term access and funding across Virginia.

- **Mental Health Services and Housing:** Shorter hospital stays mean it's more important than ever to provide timely support after discharge. Safe, stable housing, especially for those experiencing homelessness, remains a critical need.
- **Budget and Service Challenges:** Funding reductions have impacted services for both new and returning clients, even as demand for mental health and substance use programs continues to grow.
- **Innovation and Staff Resilience:** Despite challenges, staff are stepping up with creative solutions. Leadership expressed confidence in their ability to adapt and continue delivering quality care.
- **Technology Upgrade:** A new electronic health record system is being implemented and expected to launch next summer. This will improve coordination and service delivery across programs.

## 8. Legislative Update

**Legislative Liaison Elizabeth McCartney** mentioned that at a recent meeting, staff shared heartfelt reflections on the passing of Claudia Hantman Arko, Fairfax County's longtime Legislative Director. Claudia served for over 20 years, championing behavioral health and human services with deep expertise and passion. Jennifer Van Ee, previously Assistant Legislative Director, is now serving in an acting role as preparations begin for the 2026 General Assembly session.

**Medical Director Dr. O'Beirne** further explained Access to Buprenorphine for Youth. The Virginia Society of Addiction Medicine (VASAM) has filed a petition with the Virginia Board of Medicine to remove regulatory barriers restricting access to buprenorphine—a vital opioid treatment—for youth under 16. The CSB has formally supported this effort. Key proposed changes:

- Remove the under-16 age restriction for prescribing
- Eliminate requirements for dose justification above 24 mg/day
- End mandatory counseling referrals as a condition for receiving medication

Public comment is open through July 2, 2025, available via the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall under the Board of Medicine.

**Legislative Liaison Elizabeth McCartney** added that as the gubernatorial election nears, Virginia prepares for a new administration that will shape the upcoming biennial budget. With funding priorities shifting, the CSB plans to re-engage legislators in the fall to advocate for community-based services.

Key focus areas include:

- Trends in crisis and hospitalization
- Ongoing support coordination challenges linked to waiver allocations
- Strategic framing of funding needs amid federal and state budget uncertainties

CSB Executive Director Daryl Washington is expected to guide on how best to position these priorities, while the evolving role of the new CSB Board Chair may shape outreach strategies.

## 9. Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office Update

**Division Director of Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office Sebastian Tezna** shared several key updates on regional behavioral health progress.

- The Chantilly Crisis Stabilization Unit celebrated its one-year anniversary, while preparations continue for the Woodbridge Crisis Receiving Center, anticipated to open by late 2025 or early 2026 as Virginia's first of its kind for both youth and adults.
- Easter Seals now operates the CR2 REACH mobile crisis program, a 24-hour rapid mobile crisis response and community stabilization services for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises.
- Geo-routing has been activated at the regional crisis call center, with over 80% of calls now answered locally, supported by Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) efforts to curb misuse by private providers.
- A new youth REACH home is planned for Fairfax, while Alexandria will see a \$3.8 million investment in permanent supportive housing.
- The Northern Virginia Adolescent Treatment Center is targeting a spring 2026 launch in Chantilly.
- Region-wide workforce development efforts are also accelerating, including a well-received CSB training conference and the upcoming rollout of intensive Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) training led by international experts.
- Finally, the Discharge Assistance Program (DAP) platform will launch July 1, with region 2 ready to ensure smooth financial transitions regardless of technical glitches.

## 10. Staff Reports – CSB Services Updates

**Division Director of Recovery Services Michael Lane** shared an exciting update about a new Peer-Led Wellness Day program, also known nationally as a *peer crisis respite* model. This initiative, funded with \$2.7 million over three fiscal years, will provide a home-like, non-clinical setting in Vienna for individuals experiencing early signs of mental health crisis—those not yet in acute distress but at risk of escalation. The program will accommodate up to eight individuals at a time, offering short-term stays with access to peer support, group activities, and a calming environment designed to prevent hospitalization or emergency department use. Unlike traditional clinical programs, this model emphasizes peer support—staffed by individuals with lived experience who are trained and certified. Guests must be well enough to manage daily tasks independently, such as cooking and self-care. No clinical diagnosis is required, only basic screening to ensure safety. The program aims to fill a critical service gap by offering early intervention and reducing system strain. If successful, it could demonstrate cost avoidance by preventing more intensive service utilization. The target launch date is January 2026, with hopes for long-term sustainability beyond the initial funding window.

## 11. Community Partner Reports, Updates, and Concerns

**Pathways** are launching an innovative mobile outreach initiative this fall, aiming to meet individuals experiencing homelessness or instability exactly where they are. The new mobile broadcast center—a trailer-based unit—will offer essential services such as showers, laundry access, hygiene supplies, and in-person case management. This effort is designed to serve as a gateway to longer-term support like housing and care coordination. While the unit doesn't yet have an official name, it will travel throughout the community, providing a dignified, accessible space for individuals who often have no other options. More details are expected in the coming months as the program gears up for deployment.

**The Brain Foundation**, a partner organization mentioned during the update, owns nine supportive housing properties in Fairfax County and Fairfax City—six for men and three for women—each with four bedrooms. These homes serve individuals with mental health challenges, who contribute 35% of their income toward rent. While the homes do not offer in-house counseling, residents are expected to be capable of independent living. A key challenge highlighted was the disparity in local tax treatment: the Foundation paid \$34,000 in property taxes for its six Fairfax County homes, while its three homes in Fairfax City were exempt from taxation. This financial burden underscores ongoing advocacy needs around equitable support for nonprofit housing providers serving vulnerable populations.

**NAMI Northern Virginia** was officially named the 2025 NAMI Outstanding Affiliate of the Year at the virtual NAMI Conference 2025. This award honors affiliates that demonstrate exceptional commitment to mental health advocacy, education, and community support. Under the leadership of Executive Director Rebecca Kiessling, the organization has expanded access, strengthened cultural competency, and deepened its impact across one of the most diverse regions in the country. A well-earned celebration for the team—and for volunteers who help make it all possible.

## 12. Information Item

Next meeting will be held on August 13, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

## 13. Adjournment

COMMITTEE MEMBER DARIA AKERS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY BETTINA LAWTON. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:03 P.M.

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Date Approved

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Clerk to the Board

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 FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

# Welcome to Melwood

June 2026 Scott Gibson, COO &  
Donna Seering, Director, Workforce Development and Innovation

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# About Melwood

# Melwood is...

Melwood is a family of companies with a shared vision of a world where people with disabilities are fully included. Melwood comprises four primary companies—**Melwood Enterprises**, **Humanim**, **Melwood Community Services**, and **Melwood Inc.**—together serving as one of the nation’s leading advocates, service providers, and employers of people with disabilities and their caregivers. We offer employment, job placement, job training, life skills for independence, support services, and youth and community recreational services to more than 6,000 people each year in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.

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# Melwood Family: Making a Difference Since 1963

For over 60 years, Melwood has been a leading voice for social change and we are now one of the largest employers of people with disabilities in the country.



## VISION

A world where  
people with disabilities  
are fully included.



## MISSION

Melwood advocates for and  
empowers people with  
disabilities  
by expanding opportunities  
to work and thrive in the  
community.



## CORE SERVICES

We offer business services,  
employment for people with  
disabilities, advocacy,  
workforce development, youth,  
recreation & respite,  
developmental disabilities  
services, affordable housing,  
and behavioral health  
services.

# Melwood – Then & Now



## At Our Founding in 1963

- Led by parents of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- One organization offering both programming and employment through a social enterprise structure.



## Today

- Melwood family of companies, which collectively:
  - Serves over 6,000 people annually in DC, MD and VA
  - Employs over 1,600 people, 800 of whom identify as disabled
  - Advocates and leads coalitions on a national level
  - Earns more than \$120-million in top line revenue
  - Provides employment, workforce training, career development, camp & respite, day habilitation, after-school program, transitioning youth, and other services

# Disability-Forward Affordable Housing

# About Our Partners: Wesley Housing

- Leading nonprofit affordable housing provider located in Alexandria, Virginia
- Founded in 1974, Wesley Housing builds and preserves permanent housing options for persons with low and moderate incomes across the Washington, DC metro area and Virginia
- Wesley Housing's mission is to *build up* communities with quality affordable housing and resident services
- Currently owns and operates 43 communities, providing homes to more than 5,300 residents
- CORES certified Resident Services



# Benefits of the Melwood & Wesley Housing Partnership

## **Mission Alignment**

- The partnership presents a unique opportunity to develop a truly inclusive community in Arlington County
- Leverages overlapping missions and long-standing histories of both organizations in the area while also providing augmented benefits through complementary services

## **Financial and Operational Efficiency**

- Melwood and Wesley Housing can pool resources like funding, expertise, and staffing, leading to cost savings in construction and operations
- Collaborations often make it easier to apply for a broader range of grants and tax credits

## **Location**

- Opportunity for Wesley Housing to develop affordable housing in high cost of entry area rich with amenities

# Melwood Arlington Campus Redevelopment

The existing building has operational challenges and no longer effectively supports Melwood programming.

Redeveloping Melwood's Arlington campus into an affordable, inclusive housing community is the next best way to support the people we serve.

- Fewer than 1 in 4 adults with disabilities live independently. Existing housing alternatives are limited, generally unaffordable, and lack meaningful inclusion.
- A lack of affordable, independent housing options denies adults with disabilities the freedom to live where and how they choose, impeding their quality of life.

The new building will also provide a modern space for Melwood programming.

Will have Our Stomping Ground on site to build community.

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# Existing Building



# Proposed community



# Design Overview

## **RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM**

### Unit Mix

- 105 Total Units
- 20 1-Bedroom Units
- 63 2-Bedroom Units
- 22 3-Bedroom Units

### **Affordability Mix**

- 30-80% of AMI

### **Amenities**

- Community Room and Patio
- Free Wifi
- Onsite Property Management
- Onsite Bus Stop
- Our Stomping Ground (OSG)

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## **MELWOOD PROGRAM**

- Flexible Multipurpose Rooms
- Lounge with Teaching Kitchen
- Shared Computer Room
- Shared Fitness Center
- Staff Offices

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

- 100% Universal Design
- Kelsey Inclusive Design Standards

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

- National Green Building Standard – Silver level
- DOE Zero Energy Ready Home (ZERH)

# 23rd Street/Streetscape

- 42' ADA COMPLIANT PASSENGER LOADING ZONE (2 CAR LENGTHS)
- 1 - ADA COMPLIANT PARKING SPACE
- 2 - 15 MINUTE PICK UP/DROP OFF SPACES
- 4 STANDARD ON STREET PARKING SPACES
- BUS STOP EXPANDED TO PROVIDE FRONT AND REAR PASSENGER LOADING PADS





# Kelsey Inclusive Design Standards



PROPOSED BUILDING WILL ACHIEVE KELSEY INCLUSIVE DESIGN STANDARDS CERTIFICATION

- KEY ELEMENTS INCLUDE:
- . ACCESSIBLE AND AUTOMATIC BUILDING AND UNIT ENTRANCES
  - . DIRECT ACCESS TO NATURAL LIGHT FROM COMMON AREAS AND UNITS
  - . LOW-GLARE WALL AND SURFACE MATERIALS

- TYPICAL UNITS INCLUDE:
- . WIDER CORRIDORS
  - . WIDER UNIT ENTRANCES
  - . ROLL-IN SHOWERS( APPROX. 50(+/-) UNITS)
  - . OPEN-PLAN LIVING AREAS
  - . ADAPTABLE KITCHEN DESIGN WITH ADJUSTABLE COUNTER HEIGHTS
  - . UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES( E.G. LEVER DOOR HANDLES AND ROCKER LIGHT SWITCHES)

# Community Entrance



PHOTOS OF BUILDING



KEY PLAN



# Melwood & Wesley Housing Partnership

- Structure of shared predevelopment expenses and developer fees
- Melwood retains ownership of its land and but leases land to LIHTC entity
- Melwood and Wesley Housing share in the ownership of the housing 51/49 percent
- Melwood retains right of first refusal
- Wesley Property Management Company manages day-to-day operations with Melwood providing the janitorial and landscaping services

# Questions

# The WISH Center

- Workforce Development Center offering free services for Fairfax County including job search, placement assistance, and wraparound services to address barriers to employment.
- 900 people supported (FY 2025)
- \$20.22 average wage of placements (FY 2025)

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## A New Model for Workforce Development

Our region is known for its highly skilled workforce and wide range of opportunities—from entry-level positions to technical roles in thriving sectors like health care, aerospace, and AI. Yet despite this diversity of opportunities, many residents are struggling to get a foothold while employers struggle to find trained, prepared workers. The problem isn't a shortage of motivated individuals—it's a fragmented system that treats **skills training, barrier mitigation, and employer engagement** as separate challenges rather than interconnected solutions.



# Responding to the Community Voice





# Integrated Supports: Creating Long-term Stability

## **Workforce Development**

1. Training aligned with employer demands
2. Partnerships with local businesses and government agencies

## **Wraparound Supports**

1. Transportation assistance, mental health services, childcare, mentoring
2. Case-management, retention and follow-along supports



# Common Services

## Workplace Skills

- Resume writing, Interview preparation, Time management, Problem solving, Conflict resolution in the workplace, Workplace etiquette and attire

## Emerging Technologies

- AI, Drones, Robotics, 3D Printing

## Financial Literacy

- Personal/family finances, Business planning/Entrepreneurship

## Career Skills Training

- Electrical, Welding, Carpentry, Pre-apprenticeship classes, Health field-related classes (CPR, First Aid), OSHA, Computer Skills/Literacy

## Job Assistance

- Career planning, Job searching, Interview assistance, Application assistance

## Obstacles Preventing Job Retention

- Barrier mitigation, Personalized supports, resource navigation, follow-along services

## Sustainable Food Production

- Community Garden and Health Initiatives with community partners



# Questions