



FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH CHILDREN'S SERVICES for
AT-RISK CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



January 27, 2023
Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT)
Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19 Emergency Procedures

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lesley Abashian (home), Staci Alexander (Alexandria, VA), Michael Becketts (Fairfax, VA), Deb Evans (Chantilly, VA), Annie Henderson (Lorton, VA), Joe Klemmer (Fairfax, VA), Chris Leonard (office), Dana Jones (home), Dawn Schaefer (office), Matt Thompson (Fairfax, VA)

Attended but not heard during heard during roll call: Lloyd Tucker

Absent: Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Michael Axler, Michelle Boyd, Richard Leichtweis, Rebecca Sharp, Daryl Washington

HMF Attendees: LaVurne Williams, Philethea Duckett, Tracy Davis, Hilda Calvo Perez

CSA Management Team Attendees: Barbara Martinez, Jessica Jackson, Kamonya Omatete, Andrew Janos, Kelly Conn-Reda, Mary Jo Davis, Tim Elcesser, Desiree Roberts, Julie Bowman, Stephanie Pegues,

Stakeholders and CSA Program Staff Present: Janet Bessmer, Kendra Rascoe, Jamie Mysorewala, Tiffany Robinson, Jeanne Veraska, Sarah Young, Lisa Morton, Chris Metzbower

FOIA Related Motions:

I move that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this CPMT.
Motion made by Chris Leonard; second by Lesley Abashian; all members agree, motion carries.

Second, having established that each member's voice may be heard by every other member, we must next establish the nature of the emergency that compels these emergency procedures, the fact that we are meeting electronically, what type of electronic communication is being used, and how we have arranged for public access to this meeting.

State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for this CPMT 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 CPMT and the physical presence of the public, cannot be implemented safely or practically. I further move that this CPMT may conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated auto conferencing line, and that the public may access this meeting by calling: 571-429-5982; participant access code: 279 261 068#. It is so moved.

Motion made by Chris Leonard; seconded by Staci Alexander; all members agree, motion carries.

Finally, it is next required that all the matters addressed on today's are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of the CPMT's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

Motion made by Chris Leonard; seconded by Matt Thompson; all members agree, motion carries.

Approved: February 24, 2023

1. **MINUTES:** Approve minutes of December 9, 2022 CPMT meeting. *Motion made by Dana Jones; seconded by Michael Becketts; all members agree, motion carries.*
2. **ITEMS:**
 - **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**
 - **Item A-1:** Mental Health Initiative-State (MHI) Funding Approval for Transportation Services – Jessica Jackson. The state required CPMT approval to use these funds on transportation. Service must be linked to individual. CSB does not anticipate this will be high cost or usage. *Motion to approve: Matt Thompson; seconded by: Staci Alexander; all members agree, motion carries.*
 - **Item A-2:** Parental Contribution Accounts Services Fee for Credit Card Payments – Janet Bessmer. To date CSA does that have means to accept credit cards, however, many parents have requested to pay their parental contribution fee via credit card. CSA is currently establishing a process for payment via credit cards. If families are charged the service fee, they will not be able to use the health spending accounts since it is not permitted by health spending accounts. Joe Klemmer and Dawn Schafer commented that it makes sense for CSA to cover this fee. CSA is requesting approval from CPMT to cover the credit card service fee of 2.35% using program support funds. *Motion to approve: Lesley Abashian; seconded by: Michael Becketts; all members agree, motion carries.*
 - **CSA CONTRACT ITEMS:**
 - **Item C – 1: Out of State Contracts** – Barbara Martinez. One request was approved for inpatient SUD treatment in Minnesota since there are no SUD inpatient providers in VA. Currently there are 10 out of state placements.
 - **CSA INFORMATION ITEMS:**
 - **Item I – 1: Budget Report** – Presented by Desiree Roberts. This budget report is based on numbers through November 2022. Joe Klemmer asked how these percentages compare to pre-COVID. Janet Bessmer commented that we have noticed a reduction in CSA referrals since COVID therefore our overall costs are decreasing. There are also fewer children being served through the IEP due to capacity issues as well as the seclusion/restraint policy. In general, voluntary services (referrals through the CSB, FCPS, etc.) are steady, but some other programs have seen a decrease in referrals since COVID. Desiree Roberts commented that costs have increased for residential education services. Cost per child has increased since COVID, but there is a decrease in the number of youths served. Chris Leonard requested that we complete a report comparing numbers before/after COVID.
 - **Item I – 2: State Reporting of Administrative Costs for CSA Program** – Janet Bessmer. The state has requested an annual report on the cost administrative cost to run the CSA program locally. The report that was submitted to the state was shared with the CPMT.
 - **Item I – 3: Fiscal Analysis of Private Day Rate Setting Methodology** – Janet Bessmer. The state fiscal impact confirms the local analysis that costs will increase collectively by 12%. Local data on 180 youth currently being served in Virginia-based Private Day schools comparing FY23 rates to FY24 rates indicates a net expenditure increase to the CSA budget. Total cost to the county if FCPS is required to supplement CSA funding to some of the providers would add an additional \$0.7 million or \$1.5 million to the County's expenditures due to the new structure.
 - **Item I – 4: Overview of the Children's Behavioral Health Plan** – New plan presented by Peter Steinberg and LaVurne Williams. Key areas of plan include Prevention/Education, Access to Services, Navigation of Services, and System Level.

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- **Private Provider Items** - none
- **CPMT Parent Representative Items** – none
- **Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church Items** – none
- **Public Comment** – Janet Bessmer introduced Mrs. Anahita Renner, a citizen of Fairfax City, who has been nominated to serve as a parent representative to the State Executive Council. Mrs. Renner shared that the governor and the state are discussing staffing and recruitment concerns.

Adjourn 2:17pm: *Motion to adjourn made by Chris Leonard.*

Next Meeting: February 24, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00pm (location TBD)