



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



**September 23, 2022
Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT)
Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19 Emergency Procedures**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lesley Abashian (office), Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Michael Axler (home), Michael Becketts (home), Jacqueline Benson (home), Annie Henderson (home), Joe Klemmer (home), Richard Leichtweis (office), Chris Leonard, (home), Dawn Schaefer (office), Lloyd Tucker (home),

Attended but not heard during heard during roll call: Michelle Boyd, Dana Lewis

Absent: Staci Alexander, Deb Evans, Rebecca Sharp, Matt Thompson, Daryl Washington

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

CSA Management Team Attendees: Xu Han, Barbara Martinez, Jessica Jackson, Kamonya Omatete, Andrew Janos,

Stakeholders and CSA Program Staff Present: Janet Bessmer, Kristina Kallini, Kendra Rascoe, Jeanne Veraska, Sarah Young, Samira Hotochin, Jesse Ellis, Katrina Smith,

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 Jackie Benson; 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: 516 610 441#. It is so moved.

Motion made by Chris Leonard; seconded by Joe Klemmer; 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 Lesley Abashian; all members agree, motion carries.

Approved: December 9, 2022

1. **MINUTES:** Approve minutes of July 29, 2022 CPMT meeting. *Motion made by Lesley Abashian; seconded by Rick Leichtweis; all members agree, motion carries.*

2. **ITEMS:**

• **Administrative Items:**

Item A – 1: Proposed Revision to Policy on Expedited FAPT Service Planning and Emergency Access to Primary Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services – Presented by LaVurne Williams and Janet Bessmer. A request was presented to the CPMT to approve changes in local CSA policy manual regarding expedited FAPT service planning and emergency access to services for youth at risk due to opioid use. Lesley Abashian asked if there are barriers requesting these services from Medicaid/private insurance. Mrs. Williams responded that most of the youth do not have Medicaid/private insurance. For the ones who do have insurance they are directed to use their insurance. Jackie Benson asked what happens to the youth that present to INOVA emergency room. Mr. Leichtweis responded that INOVA has their own prescribers that will place those youth in a hospital setting. INOVA doesn't currently have a detox unit/substance abuse program, however they do treat youth that present at the hospital. Lesley Abashian asked if the CSB uses the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria to determine the level of service the youth need. Mrs. Williams confirmed that CSB utilizes the ASAM to determine the youth's level of service. Janet Bessmer explained that this policy will be implemented by using FAPT for expedited service planning (similar to the process used when youth are placed at Leland House). CSA is in the process of identifying programs for adolescent detoxification. Dana Lewis asked if there are any trainings for staff. Mrs. Williams offered to share CSB resources. Lesley Abashian asked if Medicaid "family of one" would be implemented once they youth is in detox beyond 30 days. Mrs. Bessmer responded that if youth qualify, they will apply for Medicaid, however some of the services are not covered by Medicaid. *Motion made by Rick Leichtweis; seconded by Lloyd Tucker; all members agree, motion carries.*

• **CSA CONTRACT ITEMS:**

Item C – 1: Monthly Out-of-State Placement Approvals – No out of state placements this month. CSA has two new out of state providers that provide substance abuse treatment. We will present a report for any youth approved for services by these providers by management team.

• **CSA INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Item I – 1: Budget Report – Presented by Xu Han.

Item I – 2: Discussion of Agency Data Elements for Budget Projections – Presented by Michael Becketts and Janet Bessmer. DFS proposed exploring new methods of projecting CSA budget. CSB shared that they have hired many new staff who are currently in training, which could explain why CSB referrals to CSA have declined. Michelle Boyd asked if more information regarding referral source can be provided. CSB also shared that they increased the number of CSB workers available to the schools.

Item I – 3: Presentation of Youth Survey Data – Present by Jesse Ellis. Results based on surveys from Nov 2021 (survey was not administered in 2020 due to virtual learning).

Item I – 4: Discussion of CPMT Feedback for Youth Behavioral Health Plan – Presented by Peter Steinberg. CPMT and CSA MT discussed ideas on how to meet the needs of youth that need intensive services, navigate the behavior health system and easily share information with various agencies as well as the community.

Item I – 5: FY 22 Quarter 4 CPMT Data Report – Presented by Jeanne Veraska. Please contact CSA if you

have any feedback regarding other data that should be added this this report in the future.

- **NOVACO – Private Provider Items** – Deb Evans shared that CSA Symposium is scheduled for March 15, 2023. FFTA Public Policy Institute will be May 23- 24, 2023.
- **CPMT Parent Representative Items** – none
- **Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church Items** – Dana Lewis shared that staff has requested training on substance abuse and the resources provided at this meeting are helpful.
- **Public Comment** – none

Next Meeting: October 28, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00pm (location TBD)

Adjourn 2:45pm: *Motion to adjourn made by Lesley Abashian; seconded by Daryl Washington; all members agree, motion carries.*

Approved: December 9, 2022