

**FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH COMMUNITY  
POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TEAM  
CPMT Minutes 2-22-19**

**Attendees:** Lesley Abashian, Staci Jones Alexander, Robert Bermingham, Nannette Bowler, Katherine Caffrey, Tisha Deeghan (Chair), Kelly Henderson, Michael Lane, Chris Leonard, Jane Strong, Nancy Vincent, Daryl Washington.

**Absent:** Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD, Deb Evans, Jessie Georges, Teresa Johnson, Rick Leichtweis, MaryAnn Panarelli, Rebecca Sharp, and Terri Williams

**SOC Attendees:** Desiree Gordon, Peter Steinberg, and Jesse Ellis.

**CSA Management Team:** Cindy Barker, Adam Cahuantzi, Terri Byer, Oriane Erickson, Barbara Martinez, Kamonya Omatete.

**Stakeholders and CSA Program Staff Present:** Janet Bessmer, Chris Metzbower, Patricia Arriaza, Kristina Kallini, Lisa Morton, Kim Jensen, Hilda Calvo

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Daryl Washington and seconded by Chris Leonard to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved by the committee of the whole.

**2. ITEMS:**

- **CSA Administrative Item:**

**Item A-1:** A motion was made by Bob Bermingham and seconded by Staci Jones Alexander to Approve Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Grant Application Renewal. The motion was approved by the committee of the whole.

- **HMF Administrative item:**

**Item A-2:** A motion was made by Bob Bermingham and seconded by Chris Leonard to Endorse FY 19 Expansion of Short-Term Behavioral Health Services. The motion was approved by the committee of the whole.

**Item A-3:** A motion was made by Chris Leonard and seconded by Michael Lane to Approve Extending Blueprint to 2020 and Timeline for Considering Revisions. The motion was approved by the committee of the whole.

**CSA Information Items:**

**Item 1-1: Oriane Eriksen and Kamonya Omatete gave the JLARC report on Child Welfare.** JLARC staff conducted this study in 2018 by reviewing data from multiple sources and conducting interviews with staff and leaders from state and local agencies. Their findings are organized into the following sections: Ensuring the health and well-being of children in foster care – such as caseworker visits with children and ensuring children in foster care have needed health screenings and immunizations, Appropriate foster care placements – especially placements with relatives and maximizing the use of non-relative foster families rather than congregate care, Reducing long stays in foster care – focusing children achieving permanency through reunification, adoption, or placement with relatives,

Staffing capacity for the delivery of foster care services – focusing on caseloads for foster care staff. State supervision of Virginia’s foster care system – examining the state supervised/county administered structure and real or perceived limits to the state’s authority over practice in local agencies. 34 recommendations were made across the five areas above, some requiring legislative action and some requiring executive action.

**Item 1-2: Janet Bessmer gave the Legislative Update.** Several bills have been proposed to study alternatives for delivery of special education services in public school settings if greater flexibility in use of CSA funding were permissible. These bills appear to be prompted by the rising CSA special education expenditures. Rate setting has also been proposed as another strategy and is currently being studied. SB 1104 Community policy and management teams; use of funds. Provides that the state pool of funds for community policy and management teams may be used for wrap-around services, as defined in the Policy Manual of the Children's Services Act and subject to specific appropriation, that are provided in a public school setting. SB 1576 Department of Education; pilot program; feasibility of educational placement transition of certain students with disabilities. Requires the Department of Education and relevant local school boards to develop and implement a pilot program for up to four years in two to eight local school divisions in the Commonwealth. Budget 282 Senate: Delays the final report on a study of private day special education rates (included in the biennium budget passed by the 2018 GA) from July 2019 to October 2019. Also directs the Department of Education and the Office of Children's Services to establish an implementation workgroup for developing and refining the collection and reporting measures as recommended in the Private Day Special Education Outcomes report from November 2018. Budget 282 Governor Northam's Budget: Removes a \$50,000 cap on the amount of state funding that can be used by localities for administrative costs.

**Item 1-3: Yin Jia gave the Budget Report.** Total Pooled Expenditures: Pooled expenditures through December 2018 equal \$12.2M for 858 youth. This amount is a decrease from December last for key placement types, such as Residential Treatment Facility, Treatment Foster Home, Education placements year of approximately \$1.1M, or 8.56%. Pooled expenditures through December 2017 equal \$13.3M for 839 youth.

**Item 1-4: Janet Bessmer gave the County Strategic Plan — BAC Forum Representatives.** As the strategic planning process unfolds in 2019, we will have:

- Defined priorities for 2020 and beyond, organized around 7-10 areas, Developed a set of community-centric and quantifiable performance indicators for each priority area, Prioritized strategies and implementation paths to achieve the outcomes on key performance indicators, Integrated other planning efforts such as economic success, Fairfax County Public Schools strategic plan, One Fairfax and more. County staff, with assistance from a consultant, is in the process of engaging stakeholders with the goal of hearing from as many individuals as possible. Because Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BAC) are a critical component of this engagement effort, an engagement forum specifically for BAC representatives has been scheduled for March 7, 2019 from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Government Center, conference center rooms 9/10/11. Due to the number of BACs and space constraints, we are asking each BAC to work with its staff coordinator to identify 1-2 representatives to attend this forum.

#### **HMF Information Items:**

**Item 1-5: Jim Gillespie, Peter Steinberg, Jesse Ellis, and Janet Bessmer** gave the Children's Behavioral Health Blueprint Quarterly Report. At mid-year, Short-Term Behavioral Health Services has already served 94 youth, compared to 130 for all of last year. The Trauma-Informed Community Network (TICN) presented a new version of Trauma 101, in specifically for parents, at the FCCPTA Family Engagement Conference October. The Virginia Department of

program. Inova Kellar Center is a Northern Virginia partner. The CSB Resource Team has filled 7 vacant positions (more than half their staff) and their new staff are completing required training. They will be accepting new referrals in March. Please refer to the handout for more information.

- **NOVACO — Private Provider Items: N/A**
- **CPMT Parent Representative Items: N/A**
- **Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church Items: N/A**
- **Public Comment: N/A**

**A motion was made by Michael Lane and seconded by Chris Leonard to adjourn at 2:23 pm. The motion was approved by the committee of the whole.**

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