



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

February 23, 2024

Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT)

Virtual (MS Teams)

Meeting Minutes

To conduct this meeting wholly electronically and to effectuate the virtual meeting procedures authorized by FOIA, the Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) needs to make certain findings and determinations for the record.

First, because each member of the CPMT is participating in this meeting from a separate location, we must verify that a quorum of members is participating, and that each member's voice is clear, audible, and at an appropriate volume for all the other members. Accordingly, I am going to conduct a roll call, and ask each CPMT member participating in this meeting to state your name and the location from which you are participating. I ask that each of you pay close attention to ensure that you can hear each of your colleagues. Following this roll call, we will vote to establish that every member can hear every other member.

Motion made by Matt Thompson; seconded by Dana Jones; all members agree, motion carries.

I move that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this Advisory Social Services Board. Having established that each member's voice may be heard by every other member, we must also make note the CPMT's last meeting was held in person and the CPMT has not held more than 25 percent of its meetings all virtual during the calendar year. I move that the CPMT may conduct this meeting electronically pursuant to the provisions of Va. Code § 2.2-3708.2 and the public may access this meeting by calling (571)-429-5982 and enter the conference code: 880 486 198#. *Motion made by Matt Thompson; seconded by Michael Becketts; all members agree, motion carries.*

Attendees: Gloria Addo-Ayensu (Fairfax), Michael Axler (Fairfax), Michael Becketts (Fairfax), Deb Evans (Fairfax), Annie Henderson (Springfield), Dana Jones (Fairfax), Joe Klemmer (Fairfax), Richard Leichtweis (Fairfax), Chris Leonard, Dawn Schaefer (Fairfax), Matt Thompson (Fairfax), Lloyd Tucker (Fairfax), Daryl Washington (Clifton)

Absent: Rebecca Sharp, Terri Edmunds-Heard,

Attended but not heard during role call: Lesley Abashian,

HMF Attendees: Peter Steinberg,

CSA Management Team Attendees: Kelly Conn-Reda, Jessica Jackson, Tim Elcesser, Lee Ann Pender, Ameer Vyas, Kamonya Omatete, Andrew Janos, Terry Byers, Mary Jo Davis, Jesse Ellis, Julie Bowman, Patti Conway, LaVurne Williams

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Stakeholders and CSA Program Staff Present: Janet Bessmer, Laura Haggerty-Lacalle, Lisa Morton, Tiffany Robinson, Jeanne Veraska, Sarah Young

1. **MINUTES:** Approve minutes of January 26, 2024 meeting. *Motion made by Rick Leichtweis; seconded by; all members agree, motion carries.*

2. **ITEMS:**

- **Administrative Items:**

Item A – 1: Revision to CSA Parental Contribution Scale – Presented by Laura Haggerty-Lacalle. Due to changes in the economic conditions, CSA is proposing a new co-payment scale to address these changes. The new scale increases the income at which a family must pay a co-pay and minimizes the percentage increases between tiers. This plan will have a minimal impact on funds collected. There was a suggestion to simply the scale by condensing the scale. This was also shared with the Family Advisory Board (FAB) to get parent representatives' feedback. Joe Klemmer commented that it seems like it's a good adjustment that reflects the cost-of-living increase in our area. Annie Henderson commented that this will help families get the services they need. Dawn Schafer commented that the copay is sometimes a barrier for families, and this will make services more accessible for some families. Michael Becketts commented that condensing the tiers could enhance accessibility for some families. Janet Bessmer stated that CSA could condensed tiers version and present another option at the April meeting. Chris Leonard commented to review the SACC tier structure as an example/guide for a condensed version. Jesse Ellis stated that a condensed tier structure would not have a significant impact on the budget, however there are some pros/cons that come with it. For example, if a family moves from one tier to the next, there will be a larger increase in payment with a condensed tier structure. Michael Becketts commented that there is an option to waive the copays if parents can show that they are not able to pay. Dr. Addo-Ayensu suggested when collapsing the tiers use the lower payment amount since this will not make a large impact on the budget. Chris Leonard suggested further analysis into collapsing the tiers. CSA will bring the condensed tiers version of the parental contribution to the April meeting for approval.

- **CSA CONTRACT ITEMS:**

Item C – 1: Out of State Placement Monthly Report – Presented by Ameer Vyas. Since the last meeting, three Child Specific Requests were approved for residential treatment. All placements were for SUD treatments. Currently we have a total of 14 out-of-state residential placements.

- **CSA INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Item I – 1: CPMT Budget Report – Presented by Patti Conway. Review of CSA budget through December 2023 and status update of FY24 budget. Michael Becketts asked if there is an update on expenditure from last FY for the \$2.2 million reimbursement. Patti Conway stated that we have not received reimbursement yet, but she will determine the status of the payment. Marijke Hannam explained the impact of County Executives' budget on CSA program.

Item I – 2: CSA Coordinator's Report – Janet Bessmer. Information was shared regarding FY25 state audit, change in CSA staffing/capacity and upcoming events. Janet will share additional information via email regarding the CSA Symposium CPMT roundtable and CSA training.

Item I – 3: Mental Health Awareness Day event – Presented by LaVurne Williams. CSB will be sponsoring

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an event on March 3, 2023 to celebrate Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

Item I – 4: Discussion about Parent Representative Vacancies – Presented by Janet Bessmer. Discussed the idea of exploring Family Peer Support Partners to serve as CPMT parent representatives and CSA to fund for Parent (and Youth) Representatives to attend training from a family run organization about advocacy. Joe Klemmer commented that training for the parent representatives would be very helpful and it would be great to have the perspective of other parents with different situations/experiences. Annie Henderson commented that she would like to continue serving as a parent representative and receive more training. Lesley Abashian commented that using parent representatives is very helpful during meetings and supports this idea.

- **NOVACO – Private Provider Items** – none
- **CPMT Parent Representative Items** – none
- **Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church Items** – Dana Jones stated Falls Church is working on the budget and
- **Public Comment** – Mary Ottinot (Fairfax County resident and member of Virginia Behavioral Health Advisory Council at state level) reported that she felt there was misconduct pertaining to the assessment of her income when her services were delivered, and she had reported it to our locality and then the federal government. Ms. Ottinot recommended that moving forward our system could use a platform called not-me.com for all county employees to use to report issues.
- **Staff Comment** – none

Next Meeting: Friday, April 26, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00pm (Pennino, Room 200/206)

Adjourn 2:18pm: *Motion to adjourn made by; seconded by; all members agree, motion carries.*