

# Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

## January 22, 2020

The Board met in regular session at the Merrifield Center, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, VA.

The following CSB members were present: Bettina Lawton Chair; Jennifer Adeli; Daria Akers; Captain Derek DeGeare.; Ken Garnes; Sheila Coplan Jonas; Garrett McGuire; Edward Rose; Nancy Scott; and Diane Tuininga

The following CSB Board members were absent:

The following CSB staff was present: Daryl Washington; Evan Jones; Michael T. Lane; Joe Rajnic; Cynthia Tianti; Lynn Tomlinson; and Barbara Wadley-Young

### Guests:

1. Meeting Called to Order  
Bettina Lawton called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
2. Matters of the Public  
None were presented.
3. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda  
The meeting agenda was provided for review. Following removal of Agenda Items 6A and 6B, per approved motion at the January 2020 Executive Committee meeting, Edward Rose made a motion to accept the agenda as revised, which was seconded and approved.
4. Approval of the Minutes  
Draft minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board were presented for review. Acknowledging no suggestions for revision were forthcoming, Edward Rose made a motion for approval, which was seconded and passed.
5. Staff Presentation  
Michael T. Lane presented an overview of the scope of the Office of Individuals and Family Affairs (OIFA), noting the wide-ranging responsibilities, service areas, and programs that receive oversight and support from OIFA. Of particular focus was the Peer Support Program that has grown to provide Peer Support Specialists (PSS) in an increasing number of CSB directly operated and contracted programs. Due to the increasing value and importance of PSS, there are significant efforts underway at the state level to formally define their role. Mr. Lane provided insight to the program, clarifying that Peer Support Specialists have completed a training program and 500 hours of supervised experience. Further, they are offered an opportunity to gain certification through satisfactory completion of a state exam, thereby becoming a Certified Peer Support Specialist.

## 6. Director's Report

Daryl Washington provided an overview of recent agency activities to include:

- The Department of Justice (DOJ) settlement hearing was attended by CSB Asst. Deputy Director Barbara Wadley-Young. The judge reviewed each of the many DOJ settlement requirements with both federal and state representatives, written guidance from the judge is pending.
- Mr. Washington, just returned from attending the VACSB (Virginia Association of Community Services Boards) Legislative Conference January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Reported an opportunity to meet with new DBHDS (Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services) Commissioner Alison Land.
- Mr. Washington provided several legislative updates to include:
  - Budget Amendment highlights:
    - Two separate amendments were submitted that address the Medicaid shortfall for FY2020. The submissions include 1) a request for \$9.3M statewide, and 2) a request for \$3.1M for this CSB.
    - An amendment requesting an increase for STEP-VA (System Transformation, Excellence and Performance in Virginia) funding for Outpatient services.
    - Two amendments addressing DD (Developmental Disabilities) Waivers including 1) rate increases to underfunded payments for services, and 2) additional funding to increase the assignment of DD Waivers.
    - Adding dental benefits to Medicaid.
  - Bills of note include:
    - Marijuana decriminalization (small amounts considered for personal use only will not be prosecuted), and the legalization of marijuana.
    - Fair Housing; income source may not be considered
    - Fair Housing and Employment; gender identity and sexual orientation may not be considered.
  - Bills of concern include two bills requesting changes to the current TDO (Temporary Detention Order) procedure. The bills seek to expand the authority for processing TDOs from the CSBs, the current, single authorized entity, to other authorized entities.
    - The primary concern lies with the significant complexity of the legal process that requires consistent involvement to remain informed and skilled to be able to successfully and consistently process a TDO request.
    - Of additional concern is the lack of familiarity of other authorized entities of alternative community resources that may better serve the individual based on assessment. As the other authorized entities process TDOs to state hospitals as the single solution to a mental health crisis, it is strongly anticipated that this will adversely impact the ongoing hospital bed crisis.

- It was clarified that the proposed expansion includes development of a state- regional-wide call-in line to assign the authorized entities based on location and availability.
- The proposed bills, that include SB768 (Barker) and HB 1351 (Watts), will be reintroduced Monday, January 27, 2020. It is anticipated that funding for the bills, if approved, will be provided through identified FY2020 and FY2021 STEP-VA Crisis Services funding.

Regular updates to legislative efforts will be provided.

- Final efforts with the hiring packet for the Deputy Director Administrative Operations are ongoing. It is anticipated the final packet will be completed and submitted to Human Resources by Friday, January 24, 2020.
- Credible Update
  - The Credible CEO declined a proposed meeting for January 21, 2020, offering an alternative date at the end of February. All 25 Virginia CSBs have agreed to the February date.
    - A reminder was offered that Credible missed the deadline of December 31, 2020 for repair of critical operations including reestablishment of the site in Ashburn, VA.
    - Efforts are ongoing to develop the CSB operated data backup site that is designed to receive regular data packets from Credible for secure storage.
    - Further ongoing efforts include identification of an efficient and effective long-term solution to the concern with Credible. It was noted that some changes may require timely decisions that move the process in alternative directions to best serve the CSB. Possible solutions include working with a consultant group, riding an existing contract, or publishing a CSB offer.
- Recent housing concerns have been satisfactorily concluded. Extraordinary efforts by residential staff in processing required documentation and extensive communication with residents is credited as the primary reason for the smooth transition of all residents but one, who declined continued housing. Corrective efforts with the previous housing provider are ongoing.
- Channel 5 News recently highlighted Project REVIVE! training, in which individuals are taught the appropriate responses to an opioid overdose, including the proper administration of Naloxone/Narcan. It was also noted that some legislation has been submitted to simplify distribution to Narcan for individuals completing the course, rather than issuing a prescription, as was previous practice. It was further noted that nearly 2,000 people have completed this training.

Lyn Tomlinson provided several agency updates to include:

- A final draft of the Partner Feedback form was distributed, noting it will be used at upcoming quarterly partner meetings. It was further noted that Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health Oversight Committee and Associate Members had contributed to development of the form. Further refinement and revision will be discussed following the initial use.

- Crossroads hosted a graduation ceremony on January 14<sup>th</sup> for 19 individuals who completed the program. It was reported that spoken comments by the graduates included mention, not only of the Crossroads program, but also the entire CSB, highlighting Detox, the Merrifield Center, and the nursing staff.

The Spirit of Excellence Awards nominations are being accepted through January 31, 2020, noting that anyone can make a nomination. The ceremony date will be forwarded to the Board once identified.

#### 7. Matters of the Board.

Jennifer Adeli reported attending a Cornerstones event recently prompting a suggestion that the Board schedule a tour of the facility.

Daria Akers provided information on a grant opportunity for families with an individual who has or individuals who have a DD Waiver. The IFSP (Individual and Family Support Program) grant provides funding of \$1K with a liberal use allowance. Acknowledging the benefit of this funding, Ms. Akers further reported that shortly after the launch of the application process (October 2019) there was a data breach of exceptionally confidential information. At the time of this report, information updates were very limited, and the applications remained unprocessed.

Ms. Akers also encouraged members to visit and to further recommend the Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) Parent Resource Center webpage, noting that it offers a variety of valuable workshops and resources. A recent program titled *Bipolar Disorder in Children and Adolescents: Assessment, Treatment and Research Update* was highlighted.

Bettina Lawton announced that Board Member Evelyn Spain had resigned from the Board as she has been appointed to the Sully District Planning Commission. Ms. Lawton noted the number of current vacancies reporting that efforts are underway by the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancies.

#### 8. Committee Reports

##### A. *Behavioral Health Oversight Committee (BHOC)*

Diane Tuininga provided a brief overview of the January meeting, noting that Garrett McGuire had chaired the meeting in her absence. Highlights of the meeting included

- Elizabeth McCartney provided a legislative update
- Belinda Massaro presented information on Emergency Services including the Mobile Crisis Units.
- Committee and Associate Members discussed recommendations of possible Challenge Questions for future BHOC and DD committee meetings. Lauren Goldschmidt proposed using the three questions posed at the December 2019 joint meeting for challenge questions.
- Feedback from the joint meeting was also discussed, noting the overwhelmingly positive response. This prompted the consideration of merging the two meetings into one as integration of services is ongoing. This matter will be presented to both committees for further discussion, noting the initial response has been positive.

**The next BHOC meeting is Wednesday, February 12 at 5:00 p.m. at the Merrifield Center, Level 3-Room 314, West.**

B. *Compliance Committee*

Bettina Lawton provided highlights of the December meeting noting robust discussion of the agenda items.

**The next meeting is Wednesday, February 19 at 4:00 p.m. at the Merrifield Center, Level 3-Room 314, West.**

C. *Developmental Disabilities (DD) Committee*

Sheila Jonas, noting no January meeting, noted the next meeting is in February 2020.

**The next meeting is Wednesday, February 5 at 5:00 p.m. at the Merrifield Center, Level 3-Room 314, West.**

D. *Fiscal Oversight Committee*

Jennifer Adeli, noting the committee met the previous Friday, provided some highlights of the meeting:

- It was reported that the Vacancy Breakeven Point (VBP) was 79.
- Critical vacancies in jail positions were discussed noting the high turnover rate, solutions for which are being developed.
- An update to recruitment efforts included noting that a recent Realistic Job Preview (RJP) for Support Coordination resulted in hiring packets to fill 11 of 22 vacant positions. The success of the RJP has prompted plans to utilize this process for other critical and hard to fill jail positions. It was further noted that categorizing postings on LinkedIn as ‘featured’ promotes the RJP to candidates from outside the agency and increases attendance, credited as instrumental in the success of the Support Coordination RJP.
- The details of the scheduled budget realignment have been provided to DMB (Department of Management and Budget), noting that the February Fiscal Committee reports will reflect the transfer of approximately \$4M from the Operating budget to Compensation and Fringe. It was clarified that this will be reflected in the distribution but will not affect the total budget balance.

**The next meeting is Friday February 21, at 9:30 a.m. at the Pennino Building, Room 836A.**

9. Information Item

A. *CSB Board Policy Review*

Bettina Lawton directed members to review CSB Board policy #0020 for proposed readoption. A copy of the policy with the suggested revisions was provided in the meeting materials with a request to submit further recommendations to CSB Board Clerk, Erin Bloom. The policy will be submitted for further action at the February 19, 2020 CSB Executive Committee meeting.

10. Action Item

A. *CSB Board Policy Approval*

Bettina Lawton directed members to a final review CSB Board policy #2500 for readoption, offering a reminder that the policy was revoked in October 2019 as not needed. However, new information indicated the policy should remain active. Copies of the policy with proposed revisions and with edits accepted were provided in the meeting materials. Daria Akers made a motion to adopt the revised policy that was seconded and approved.

*B. Grant Request to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity for the Adult Drug Court*

Georgia Bachman provided background on the request to approve submission of a grant application for the CSB to apply for, and if awarded, accept funding from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) for funds of up to \$400,000 per year for 5 years, at a maximum of \$2,000,000 to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Drug Courts. There is an existing Adult Drug Court Grant funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance that supports the Drug Court. This new funding will help to enhance and expand existing efforts aligned with Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards developed by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP).

Diane Tuininga made a motion to submit for, and if awarded accept, funding to expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity for the Adult Drug Court, following which the motion was seconded and approved.

Bettina Lawton inquired whether there was anything that needed to be discussed in closed session. No one raised any issues or need for a closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Actions Taken - -

- ◆ The December 18, 2019 CSB Board Meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- ◆ CSB Board Policy #2500 was readopted as revised and presented.
- ◆ Approval was provided to proceed with the SAMHSA grant application.

February 26, 2020

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Date Approved



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Staff to the CSB Board