

FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2022

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met in regular session at the Merrifield Center, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Level 3, Room 3-314, West, Fairfax, VA 22031.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Board Chair Garrett McGuire called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** GARRETT MCGUIRE, BOARD CHAIR; KAREN ABRAHAM; JENNIFER ADELI; DARIA AKERS; ROBERT BARTOLOTTA; SHEILA COPLAN JONES; CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE; LARYSA KAUTZ; BETTINA LAWTON; SRILEKHA PALLE; EDWARD ROSE; ANDREW SCALISE; DAN SHERRANGE; SANDRA SLAPPEY-BROWN; ANNE WHIPPLE

ABSENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** DIANA ROGRIGUEZ

Also present: Executive Director Daryl Washington, Deputy Director of Administrative Operations Daniel Herr, Deputy County Attorney Cynthia Tianti, Deputy Director Barbara Wadley-Young, Director of Behavioral Health Operations Sebastian Tezna and Board Clerk Joseline Cadima

2. Matters of the Public

Kimi Fergus, in an email following the meeting, requested to have her full testimony be part of the recorded meeting minutes:

“Thank you for taking my call. It has been over 60 days since the only mothers and babies program in Fairfax County has been “taken off-line” and I would like to know what the plans are regarding getting this program up and running again. If the CSB’s intent is to close this program, shouldn’t there be transparency and input from the citizens? I also wanted to let the board know that I felt Ms. Lawton’s line of questioning was right on track when it came to the questionable metrics that are being used for this purpose. I too, do not understand why the CSB is measuring “time to treatment” for behavioral health outpatient, a goal that, as Ms. Lawton pointed out, has been unattainable for several years, and has nothing to do with this residential substance abuse treatment facility. If this is true, it is telling me that the CSB is abandoning the part of its vision that “everyone in the community has the support needed to live a healthy, fulfilling life”, which includes people with alcohol and drug addiction, specifically, mothers with children, during an opioid epidemic. Another concern I have is that the board was told last month that mothers with children can be offered services at other CSB residential programs and one program in the community. I called two of the CSB residential programs today and the staff had no idea what I was talking about and said they were not set up to admit children. I assumed the program in the community was Demeter House and they told me that a homeless, addicted mother would have to pay about \$280.00 a day to have her child with her in treatment. In closing, I am respectfully asking the board to look into this further and bring New Generations back on-line!”

Yesenia Soria thanked the staff at the Merrifield Center for providing the necessary and adequate care for her daughter. After encountering several problems with her health insurance and being unable to receive the services she needed for her daughter, she felt great relief and gratitude for the Merrifield Center staff who were committed to finding a solution for her and her daughter.

3. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was provided for review, no amendments were made.

BOARD MEMBER CONSENSUS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: GARRETT MCGUIRE, BOARD CHAIR; KAREN ABRAHAM; JENNIFER ADELI; DARIA AKERS; ROBERT BARTOLOTTA; SHEILA COPLAN JONES; CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE; LARYSA KAUTZ; BETTINA LAWTON; SRILEKHA PALLE; EDWARD ROSE; ANDREW SCALISE; DAN SHERRANGE; SANDRA SLAPPEY-BROWN; ANNE WHIPPLE

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: DIANA RODRIGUEZ

4. Approval of the Minutes

The February 23, 2022, CSB Board Meeting Minutes were provided for review, no amendments were made.

MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER BETTINA LAWTON, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO.4.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: GARRETT MCGUIRE, BOARD CHAIR; KAREN ABRAHAM; JENNIFER ADELI; ROBERT BARTOLOTTA; SHEILA COPLAN JONES; CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE; LARYSA KAUTZ; BETTINA LAWTON; SRILEKHA PALLE; EDWARD ROSE; ANDREW SCALISE; DAN SHERRANGE; ANNE WHIPPLE

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: DARIA AKERS*; SANDRA SLAPPEY-BROWN*

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: DIANA RODRIGUEZ

*Board Members Daria Akers and Sandra Slappey-Brown abstained from the vote, they noted their absence during the February 23, 2022, Board Meeting.

5. Staff Presentation

A. Department of Management & Budget – County Budget

Budget Analyst Dana Thompson provided the FY 2023 Advertised Budget Presentation with detailed information on the tentative approved CSB FY 2023 Budget.

CSB board members questions following the presentation:

- Is the amount budgeted for compensation increases based on full staffing or with a vacancy rate in mind? If so, what is that vacancy rate?
- What is the compensation increase for the CSB specifically at their current staffing level?
- Are the increases to the lifelong learning and education budget based solely on k-12 students or is it lifelong?
- Are there any programs in the CSB that have been previously started and are not funded in FY 2023 budget?
- Are there discussions being held on differentiating tax rates for lower income cars and properties as opposed to higher income?

Budget Analyst Dana Thompson mentioned providing a follow-up email with answers to the questions requested during the presentation.

6. Director's Report

A. Services Update

Executive Director Daryl Washington provided a Marcus Alert update which would allow the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church to opt out due to size limitations, additional updates to follow once legislation is officially passed. Reported on the ongoing negotiations regarding the Exhibit D for the State-Wide Crisis Services Data Platform, once finalized it will be sent to CSB Board Chair Garrett McGuire. Other upcoming events include Merrifield Center re-naming which will take place on May 12, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., and the touring of the Merrifield Center by the Commissioner of Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services. Earmark Federal Funding was received for work to be done on the lower level of the Merrifield Center. The Crisis Stabilization Unit in Chantilly is open and functioning with 6 beds, when its up and running at full capacity, it will have 16 available beds.

B. Staffing Update

Executive Director Daryl Washington commented on the vacancy of 200 positions and mentioned the Human Resources Department is placing one single generic ad for the multiple vacant positions. Noted Crisis Intervention Specialists, Emergency Services Specialists, and Support Coordinators as being the difficult positions to recruit.

Deputy Director of Administrative Operations Daniel Herr stated the Human Resources Director recruitment has finalized, a decision will be made upon further discussion with Executive Director Daryl Washington.

C. Electronic Health Record Update

Executive Director Daryl Washington mentioned the Healthcare Systems Director Jennifer Aloï and her team are undergoing a thorough review of Electronic Healthcare Record software vendors to see which is best suited for the Fairfax Falls-Church CSB.

7. Matters of the Board

Board Member Sandra Slappey-Brown requested to know if there is any regulation preventing the use of an electronic device to review the meeting agenda packet digitally.

Deputy County Attorney Cynthia Tianti responded noting that there is no regulation that would not allow the use of a personal electronic device to review the agenda materials during the meeting.

Board Member Larysa Kautz requested to know if the CSB offers Co-Responder Training to other organizations that have an interest.

Executive Director Daryl Washington commented on being able to provide more information on training opportunities.

Board Member Srilekha Palle noted the "Pathways to Wellness" Conference will take place on May 13, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m., via Zoom, the flyer will be emailed to the Board. Commented on seeing successful recruitment at the INOVA Hospital by changing the position name from Case Management to Care Management.

Board Chair Garrett McGuire reminded the Board to respond to the Board Clerk emails requesting volunteers for public testimony at the Fairfax County Budget Hearings on April 14, 2022, and participation for the Board Retreat on May 7th or May 14th, 2022.

8. Committee Reports

A. Service Delivery Oversight Committee

Committee Chair Anne Whipple noted there was no meeting for SDOC in the month of March 2022. **The next meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**

B. Compliance Committee

Committee Chair Garrett McGuire reported that Quality and Improvement Director Joan Rodgers provided an update on training report, noting the collaboration with the Department of Information Technology on merging two different systems to retrieve the needed data. **The next meeting is Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**

C. Fiscal Oversight Committee

Committee Chair Jennifer Adeli noted reviewing the reporting of time to treatment and other key metrics reports. Along with reviewing the new "Data Capacity" report which analyzes the impact of vacancies on the agency and what that means for individuals served. It will be presented during the Fiscal Oversight Committee Meeting and be included as part of the CSB Board Agenda Packet. **The next meeting is Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.**

D. Other Reports

None were raised.

9. Action Item:

A. Request for Approval of FY 2023 Fee Schedule

Director of Behavioral Health Operations Sebastian Tezna provided the staff report which included updates to the fees based on current Medicare, Medicaid, or negotiated rates for the CSB services provided and billed to clients. The approval by the Board of Supervisors will occur during the May 2022 meeting, and new fees will go into effect on July 1, 2022.

MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER DARIA AKERS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.

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NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: DIANA RODRIGUEZ

Closed Session:

Board Chair Garrett McGuire inquired whether there were any matters that required discussion in closed session, none were raised.

10. Adjournment

Board Chair Garrett McGuire adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: GARRETT MCGUIRE, BOARD CHAIR; KAREN ABRAHAM; JENNIFER ADELI; DARIA AKERS; ROBERT BARTOLOTTA; SHEILA COPLAN JONES; CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE; LARYSA KAUTZ; BETTINA LAWTON; SRILEKHA PALLE; EDWARD ROSE; ANDREW SCALISE; DAN SHERRANGE; SANDRA SLAPPEY-BROWN; ANNE WHIPPLE

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: DIANA RODRIGUEZ

04/27/2022

Date Approved

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Samsara Awan

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CSB Board Clerk