

**FAIRFAX FALLS-CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2023**

The CSB Executive Committee met in regular session at the Sharon Bulova Center, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Level 3, Room 3-314 West, Fairfax, VA 22031

1. Meeting Called to Order

Committee Chair Dan Sherrange called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. Roll Call, Audibility, and Preliminary Motions

PRESENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** COMMITTEE CHAIR DAN SHERRANGE; GARRETT MCGUIRE, BETTINA LAWTON; CLAUDIA VOLK; ANDREW SCALISE

ABSENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** ANNE WHIPPLE; CAPTAIN DANIEL WILSON

Also present: Executive Director Daryl Washington, Deputy Director of Community Living Barbara Wadley-Young, Deputy Director of Administrative Operations Jean Post, Director of Clinical Operations Abbey May, Healthcare Systems Director Jennifer Aloï, Legislative and Grants Analyst Elizabeth McCartney, and Board Clerk Sameera Awan.

3. Matters of the Public

None were presented.

4. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was presented for review, and no amendments were made by the Consensus of the Committee. The meeting agenda was approved.

5. Approval of the Minutes

The July 19, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were provided for review; no amendments were made.

MOTION TO ADOPT JULY 19, 2023, MEETING MINUTES WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GARRETT MCGUIRE, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BETTINA LAWTON.

MOTION TO ADOPT WAS APPROVED BY DAN SHERRANGE, CLAUDIA VOLK, AND ANDREW SCALISE.

6. Director's Report

Executive Director Daryl Washington shared that Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin visited PRS CrisisLink on August 16, 2023, in Oakton, Virginia. During the visit, PRS leadership offered insights into the progress of 988, a year after the official launch of the new three-digit Crisis and Suicide Lifeline number. The discussion also included Governor Youngkin's insights on his Right Help Right Now Plan for Behavioral Health, which entails investments in essential resources to bolster

Virginia's crisis care services continuum. The evolution of the crisis continuum remains ongoing, representing a dynamic work in progress. The latest information indicates that Connections, the contracting agency, is engaged in direct discussions with Recovery International (RI). RI is actively pursuing the possibility of a longer-term lease agreement. The objective is to establish a sublease arrangement with RI. This arrangement would facilitate the necessary building improvements, reopening half of the facility and commencing service operations. This approach aims to restore partial services as swiftly as possible, the overarching aim for Connections is to reinstate services early in the coming year.

Simultaneously, the CSB is actively searching for a facility to serve as a long-term crisis response site. It is unclear the current landlord is receptive to making the required modifications or updates to the existing facility to restore full service. An alternative site would support development of an alternative crisis response site. Consistent with the Board of Supervisors (BOS), the CSB is searching for suitable locations to support youth treatment and crisis response. The CSB is actively seeking facilities a 24/7 adult and youth comprehensive crisis response facility. Both lease and purchase options are being considered. The CBS is planning to expand our capacity to support Youth Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) by applying for additional opioid abatement funding. Director of Clinical Operations Abbey May, in collaboration with our Youth Director, is actively developing plans to expand youth services using FY 2023 carryover funds. Additionally, provisions are in place to fund 18 full-time staff members using carryover funds to facilitate expansion of youth treatment services.

The CSB Executive Leadership of CSB toured the Chris Atwood Foundation. Atwood offers no-cost services centered, peer driven approach around harm reduction and recovery support, as well as advocating for individuals affected by substance use. Notably, they have established a presence in Fairfax City and are actively collaborating with the city council to secure approvals for expanding their range of services.

Deputy Director of Community Living Barbara Wadley-Young conveyed the outcomes of the Department of Justice (DOJ) settlement agreement hearing held on July 27, 2023. The Judge acknowledged recent advancements in collaboration between the State and Federal Government. Executive Director Daryl Washington provided insights into the compliance indicators and provided a comprehensive historical overview. He explained that adopting compliance indicators stemmed primarily from recognizing that the previously identified expectations needed to be more specific and required more progress notes. Furthermore, concerns persisted from the ARC, other constituents, and families about significant service gaps and insufficient advancements in closing down training centers. The Judge did commend both the State and Federal Governments for their efforts in identifying and eliminating 35 compliance indicators, considering shifts in industry practices and standards. The State presented an overview of their perceived progress over the past few years for the Judge's consideration. Of particular note were eight indicators for which they requested amendments, focusing on nursing support, behavioral management, and specifically addressing behavioral management within residential settings to minimize hospitalizations and bolster crisis services. Regrettably, the Judge did not approve the proposed amendments by the State. His communication was clear and

definitive in this regard—he did not foresee a clear path towards terminating the settlement agreement. However, he scheduled a contempt hearing for December 11-15, 2023. The Federal government acknowledged the State's progress yet expressed confusion regarding the State's proposal to adjust compliance percentages if advancements were still being made in those areas. The Judge expressed deep concern that individuals and families could be deprived of critical services without continued oversight. Although his outlook was not overly optimistic, he pledged to maintain discussions with legal representatives from both sides between now and December.

B) Healthcare Record Update

Healthcare Systems Director Jennifer Aloï provided an update on progress regarding the data warehouse. The CSB has successfully secured an extension for our grant funding until December 2023. Consequently, the initial deadline of utilizing the allocated \$800K by July 31, 2023, has been extended to December 31, 2023. The current emphasis lies on producing targeted reports sourced from the Data Warehouse. The agency validating its data, a step taken to guarantee the accuracy and reliability of the recently generated reports.

7. CSB Board Annual Planning Calendars

The CSB Annual Planning Calendar was reviewed, and no recommendations were offered; the calendar was accepted as presented.

8. Matters of the Executive Committee

A. Service Delivery Oversight Committee:

CSB Board Chair Dan Sherrange provided updates for the latest SDOC Committee meeting on behalf of the Committee Chair Anne Whipple. Given the notable decline in participation from numerous associate members, a request was made for these auxiliary members to complete a brief survey concerning their organization's ongoing ties with CSB SDOC. The survey results were subsequently shared and deliberated upon within the committee. The aim is to strategize enhanced communication and collaboration avenues with the CSB Board through SDOC, fostering more substantial advocacy efforts and a more significant impact on the community. **The next Service Delivery Oversight Committee meeting is Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 5:00 PM.**

B. Compliance Committee:

Compliance Committee Chair Dan Sherrange had no updates or information to share from the August 2023 meeting. **The next meeting of the Compliance Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, in conjunction with the Executive Committee meeting starting at 4:00 PM.**

C. Fiscal Oversight Committee:

Fiscal Oversight Committee Chair Claudia Volk reported no meeting for July 2023. **The following Fiscal Oversight Committee meeting is Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 4:00 PM.**

9. Information Item

Committee Chair Dan Sherrange reviewed the CSB Legislative Planning Calendar with the committee. This calendar had been included in the materials distributed along with the July CSB Board meeting agenda. He highlighted that the upcoming October CSB Board meeting is scheduled to coincide with the General Assembly Delegation. The representatives in attendance will be those currently holding office, not those currently campaigning for the upcoming November elections. Following the election, the CSB Board intends to explore the possibility of having one-on-one interactions with the newly elected representatives, given their significance to Fairfax Falls-Church CSB initiatives.

Legislative and Grants Analyst Elizabeth McCartney provided the 2023 Pre-election Candidate Outreach list and mentioned that a letter is being prepared for distribution to the candidates participating in the upcoming election. The letter will outline the key concerns that have arisen within the CSB over the past few years, spotlight some of the organization's main priorities, and provide insight into the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. She is currently working on finalizing the format of the Legislative Talking Points and ensuring its tracking.

Executive Director Daryl Washington provided an update on region 2's progress regarding the Talking Points. He mentioned that the points are still in development, with minimal deviation from last year's content. For example, regarding the workforce matter, the CSB seeks \$12 million for educational reimbursement to support a hundred clinicians and ten prescribers. The intention is to present more detailed and specific requests, particularly considering this funding is one-time, which could facilitate a more favorable response. Another aspect involves advocating for the expansion of crisis services and minimizing administrative burdens, including eliminating redundant data entry through IT system upgrades—more details to come.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member Garrett McGuire and seconded by Board Member Bettina Lawton. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.

September 20, 2023

Date Approved

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Sameera Awan

BY CLERK FOR THE BOARD

Clerk to the Board