

**FAIRFAX FALLS-CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
SERVICE DELIVERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

The Service Delivery Oversight Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has made it unsafe to assemble a quorum in one location physically or to have the public present. Access was made available via video and web conferencing platform to CSB Board members, CSB staff, and members of the public. The meeting notice, including participation instructions, was posted electronically and on the building where the meeting is typically held. Additionally, attendees were offered an opportunity to register for public comment during the 30 minutes prior to the meeting being called to order.

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Committee Chair Anne Whipple called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

**2. Roll Call, Audibility and Preliminary Motions**

**PRESENT:**       **BOARD MEMBERS:** COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNE WHIPPLE (GREAT FALLS, VA);  
DARIA AKERS (FAIRFAX, VA); SHEILA JONAS (ALEXANDRIA, VA)  
**ABSENT:**       **BOARD MEMBERS:** LARYSA KAUTZ, CAPTAIN DANIEL WILSON,  
ROBERT BARTOLOTTA, SRILEKHA PALLE

**Associate Members in Attendance:** Kathleen Baker and Lauren Goldschmidt, Service Source; Diane Monnig, The Arc of Northern Virginia; Joe Getch, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Inc.; Bill Taylor, Concerned Fairfax; Susan Keenan, Community Living Alternatives; Rebecca Kiessling, NAMI Northern Virginia; Michelle Hurrell, Recovery Program Solutions of Virginia; Sean McGinnis, Hartwood Foundation, Inc; Heather Peck, Laurie Mitchell Empowerment and Career Center.

**Staff in Attendance:** Executive Director Daryl Washington, Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Lyn Tomlinson, Deputy Director of Community Living Barbara Wadley-Young, Director of Individual and Family Affairs Michael T. Lane, Service Director Kevin Ladin, Service Director Sierra Simmons and Board Clerk Sameera Awan.

Committee Chair Anne Whipple conducted a roll call, as identified above, to confirm that a quorum of Board members was present and audible. Committee Chair Anne Whipple passed the virtual gavel to Committee Co-Chair Sheila Jonas to make several motions required to begin the meeting.

Committee Chair Anne Whipple made a motion that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for the CSB Board to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to attend any such meeting physically and that, as such, FOIA's usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of this CSB Board and the physical presence of the public, cannot be implemented safely or practically. A further motion was made that this Board may conduct this meeting electronically through a video and web conferencing platform that may be accessed

via Meeting ID: 813 5994 3551 and Passcode: 126017. Motions were seconded by Committee Member Sheila Jonas and unanimously approved. Committee Chair Anne Whipple made a final motion that all the matters addressed on today's agenda are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of the CSB Board's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

3. **Matters of the Public**

None were presented

4. **Amendments to the Meeting Agenda**

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

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes of the November 30, 2022, Service Delivery Oversight Committee were provided for review.

6. **Advocacy Services for Individuals with Disabilities**

**Executive Director of the ARC of Northern Virginia Melissa Heifetz** shared the Advocacy Services for Individuals with Disabilities. People First is an advocacy organization designed for and run by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The goal of the group is to help individuals with disabilities understand the importance of self-advocacy and empower them to speak out for themselves.

**Director of Advocacy Lucy Beadnell** shared the Arc of Northern Virginia's 2023 Legislative and Budget Priorities. The Arc of Virginia is partnering with vaACCESS (Virginia Association of Community Rehabilitation Programs) to advocate for the DD System Transformation. To stabilize Virginia's waiver program, bold, significant prioritization and investment are needed over the next biennium. The goal is to encourage investment in solutions that will systematically transform the DD System of Support from a costly reactive system that only intervenes once someone is in crisis to a proactive system.

7. **Legislative Update**

**Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Lyn Tomlinson** shared that Crossover Day for the General Assembly was yesterday, February 7, 2023. The House worked on Bills passed by the Senate, and the Senate worked on Bills passed by the House. The CSB has been working with individuals who were once involved with barrier crimes and are now seeking employment.

**Executive Director Daryl Washington** shared that the County Executive presented his FY 2024 proposed Budget to the Board of Supervisors with an increase of \$5.9M in Personnel Services, including a \$2.7M for a 2% market rate adjustment (MRA) for all CSB employees and \$2.5M for performance-based and longevity increases. The remaining \$7.4K will support employee retention and recruitment efforts to reduce pay compression and align the County's pay

structures with the market based on benchmark data. The governor has proposed funding for another 500 DD waiver slots that the General Assembly already approved in the Budget for FY 2024. A Board of Supervisors Health and Human Services Committee Meeting will be held on February 28, 2023, at 1:30 PM. CSB Executive Director Daryl Washington will be doing a presentation on Youth and Mental Health along with Deputy Directory of Opioid and Substance Use Ellen Volo.

## 8. Staff Reports

**Director of Individual and Family Affairs Michael T. Lane** presented an overview of the 2023 Year of the Peer. Year of Peer represents an exciting year-long opportunity to participate, capturing the passion of the peer workforce through planned events, conferences, and workshops. The events, conferences, and workshops are aimed at educating everyone in attendance on the role of the peer and the positive impact peers bring to the table. The 2023 Year of the Peer Conference will be on May 22nd and 23rd in Richmond, VA. The mission of Virginia's Year of the Peer initiative 2023 is to celebrate champions of recovery, unify Peer Recovery Specialists, and build bridges of understanding with clinical colleagues, community partners, and organizations across Virginia.

**Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Lyn Tomlinson** announced Sarah Gary as the new Division Director of Diversion & Jail-Based Services. Sarah will attend future CSB Board meetings and have the opportunity to meet everyone.

## 9. Associate Member Reports, Updates and Concerns

**Rebecca Kiessling of NAMI Northern Virginia** took a moment to introduce herself as the Executive Director of NAMI Northern Virginia. NAMI's mission is to serve individuals, family members, and friends affected by mental health challenges through awareness, education, support, advocacy, and collaboration with community partners.

## 10. Adjournment

Committee Chair Anne Whipple made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 PM

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April 12, 2023

Date Approved

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*Samara Awan*

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Clerk to the Board