

**FAIRFAX FALLS-CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
SERVICE DELIVERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

The Service Delivery Oversight Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has made it unsafe to physically assemble a quorum in one location 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 in which 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 5:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Audibility and Preliminary Motions

PRESENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** ANNE WHIPPLE (GREAT FALLS, VA), COMMITTEE CHAIR;
DARIA AKERS (FAIRFAX, VA); ROBERT BARTOLOTTA (FALLS CHURCH, VA);
CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE (LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA); SHEILA JONAS
(ALEXANDRIA, VA); LARYSA KAUTZ (ALEXANDRIA, VA) SRILEKHA PALLE
(FAIRFAX, VA)

ABSENT: **BOARD MEMBERS:** EDWARD ROSE

Associate Members in Attendance: Lauren Goldschmidt and Kathleen Baker, ServiceSource; Cathy Benn, Second Story; Sharon Denisar, Fairfax County Public Schools; Diane Monnig, The Arc of Northern Virginia; Joe Getch, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Inc.; Susan Keenan, Community Living Alternatives; Cindy Koshatka, Northern Virginia Mental Health Foundation; Julie Allen, Community Residences, Inc., CRI – Choice. Respect. Independence; Elaine Sommer, Northwest Center for Mental Health Advisory Board; Bill Taylor, Concerned Fairfax; Sean McGinnis, Hartwood Foundation, Inc.; Michelle Hurrell, Recovery Program Solutions of Virginia; Zanelle Nichol, ECHO; Heather Peck, Laurie Mitchell Empowerment and Career Center; Pat Vinson, Job Discovery, Inc.; Kenan Aden, MVLE; Eleanor Vincent, Pathway Homes, Inc.; Maureen Gum, Langley Residential Support Services; Latoria Bethea, Sunrise Group.

Staff in Attendance: Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Lyn Tomlinson, Assistant Deputy Director of Community Living Treatment and Support Barbara Wadley-Young, Assistant Deputy Director of Acute & Therapeutic Treatment Services Georgia Bachman, Director of Individual and Family Affairs Michael T. Lane, Service Director Kevin Lafin, Service Director Sierra Simmons, Service Director LaVurne Williams, and Board Clerk Joseline Cadima.

Committee Chair Anne Whipple conducted 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 Member Sheila Jonas to make several motions required to begin the meeting.

A motion was offered confirming that each member's voice was audible to each other member of the CSB Board present; this motion was seconded by Committee Member Robert Bartolotta and passed unanimously.

Preliminary Motions

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 physically attend any such meeting, 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: 852 1562 2188 and Passcode: 189531. Motions were seconded by Committee Member Captain Derek DeGeare 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. The motion was seconded by Captain Derek DeGeare and unanimously passed, following the return of the virtual gavel to Committee Chair Anne Whipple.

3. **Matters of the Public.**

None were presented.

4. **Amendments to the Meeting Agenda**

The meeting agenda was provided for review, Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Lyn Tomlinson requested to add "Associate Member Reports, Updates, and Concerns" to the agenda.

MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER ROBERT BARTOLOTTA, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 AS AMENDED.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: ANNE WHIPPLE (GREAT FALLS, VA), COMMITTEE CHAIR; DARIA AKERS (FAIRFAX, VA); ROBERT BARTOLOTTA (FALLS CHURCH, VA); CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE (LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA); SHEILA JONAS (ALEXANDRIA, VA); LARYSA KAUTZ (ALEXANDRIA, VA) SRILEKHA PALLE (FAIRFAX, VA)

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: EDWARD ROSE

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes of the October 13, 2021, Compliance Committee were provided for review.

MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER DARIA AKERS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: ANNE WHIPPLE (GREAT FALLS, VA), COMMITTEE CHAIR; DARIA AKERS (FAIRFAX, VA); ROBERT BARTOLOTTA (FALLS CHURCH, VA); CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE (LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA); SHEILA JONAS (ALEXANDRIA, VA); LARYSA KAUTZ (ALEXANDRIA, VA) SRILEKHA PALLE (FAIRFAX, VA)

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: EDWARD ROSE

6. Associate Member Reports, Updates, and Concerns

Associate Member Heather Peck of Laurie Mitchell Empowerment and Career Center reported on the statewide group known as ASPIRE (Advancing State Policy Integration for Recovery and Employment) which is run by Virginia DARS (Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services) and DBHDS (Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental services). Noted that the Fairfax Falls-Church CSB is an early adopter of IPS (Individual Placement and Support) supported employment, making it one of two in all of Virginia. Provided credit to her colleagues in Laurie Mitchell Empowerment and Career Center, ServiceSource, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, and Melwood for this great victory for individuals who are in recovery in the CSB.

7. Discussion of Workforce Recruitment Efforts

Assistant Director Barbara Wadley-Young mentioned receiving positive feedback from George Mason University in collaborating with the CSB and community partners in regard to helping identify points of contacts for specific recruitment efforts such as education, policy and administrative practice, and internships at the micro and macro level. Further meetings took place with Fairfax County Public Schools to discuss the participation of the CSB and community partners in career week panels, jobs fairs, mentorships, and internships which would allow the opportunity for students to be exposed to this field. The Fairfax County Public Schools also recommended to partake in an open house and provide information in careers of working with individuals who have Developmental Disabilities to the Best Buddies Program (which has close to 100 mentors). Other meetings were held with the Department of Family Services to discuss employment opportunities such as peer orientation and relief services for entry level positions for adults and youth in their programs. Collaboration between the VIVA coordinator and GMU School of Social Work are working together to find an individual who might be interested in helping with the coordination and organization of the administrative tasks for the workforce recruitment efforts in exchange for course work hours.

8. Legislative Updates

Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Lyn Tomlinson noted the legislative updates will be discussed in detail during the breakout sessions, with updates being provided to each specific group (Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability).

9. Breakout Sessions

Members were divided into two breakout sessions for 20-minute discussions.

- A. **The Behavioral Health Session was hosted by Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Lyn Tomlinson and Assistant Director Georgia Bachman.**
- B. **The Developmental Disability Session was hosted by Assistant Director Barbara Wadley-Young.**

All members returned to the main meeting and noted discussions on insufficient funding received to fully operate services provided to the CSB and community partners. Also noted difficulties in receiving COVID-19 Federal funding, with many organizations receiving the funding very late. Members also noted their concern for current legislation which is trying to fix certain complications but not address the root cause problem.

10. Staff Reports

None was provided.

11. Adjournment

Committee Member Sheila Jonas made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: ANNE WHIPPLE (GREAT FALLS, VA), COMMITTEE CHAIR; DARIA AKERS (FAIRFAX, VA); ROBERT BARTOLOTTA (FALLS CHURCH, VA); CAPTAIN DEREK DEGEARE (LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA); SHEILA JONAS (ALEXANDRIA, VA); LARYSA KAUTZ (ALEXANDRIA, VA) SRILEKHA PALLE (FAIRFAX, VA)

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: EDWARD ROSE

04/13/2022

Date Approved

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