

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
Executive Committee
March 17, 2021

The Executive 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.

The following Committee members were present Bettina Lawton (Vienna), Chair; Jennifer Adeli (Great Falls); Sheila Coplan Jonas (Alexandria); and Garrett McGuire (Alexandria)

The following Committee members were absent:

The following staff was present: Daryl Washington and Lyn Tomlinson

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:43 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Audibility

Ms. Lawton conducted a roll call with each CSB Board Member present, as identified above, to confirm that a quorum of CSB Board members was present and audible. Ms. Lawton passed the virtual gavel to CSB Board Vice Chair Garrett McGuire 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 Garrett McGuire and passed unanimously.

3. Preliminary Motions

CSB Board Chair Bettina Lawton 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 dedicated online video and web conferencing platform, and that the public may access this meeting via Meeting ID: 96930023711 and Passcode 281436. Motions were seconded by Garrett McGuire and unanimously approved.

Ms. Lawton made a final motion that 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 Garrett McGuire and unanimously passed.

4. Matters of the Public.

None were offered.

5. Adoption of the Executive Committee Agenda

The March 17, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda was presented for review, following which, the agenda was accepted as presented.

6. Approval of the Minutes

The February 19, 2020 Executive Committee minutes were distributed for review. Following which, Garrett McGuire made a motion for approval of the minutes as presented, which was seconded and approved with one abstention from Garrett McGuire.

7. Director's Report

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

- Mr. Washington reported a change to the previous name for Behavioral Health Enhancement efforts to BRAVO (Behavioral Health Redesign for Access, Value, and Outcomes). A reminder was offered that this is the effort by DBHDS (Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services) and DMAS (Department of Medical Assistance Services) to align and increase behavioral healthcare Medicaid reimbursement rates. Recognizing that new Medicaid rules will be effective July 1, 2021, current focus is on ensuring the impacted programs including Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), Intensive Outpatient (IOP), and Adult Partial Hospitalization (APH) are fully operational and prepared to adopt any new regulations that may be introduced. It is anticipated that there will be increased revenue from these programs following the effective date of July 1, 2021.
- Efforts to gather information and data related to development of the Marcus Alert bill are ongoing. Reporting continued service on the stakeholders' group, Mr. Washington further reported efforts to be included in a small group that will be tasked with development of the bill. An update report will be forwarded to the General Assembly, tentatively scheduled for July 2021.
- Providing an update to the County budget process, it was noted that the advertised tax rate was increased by .01¢ over the rate recommended by County Executive Bryan Hill. The CSB was awarded some requests but will have the budget decreased by \$1.4M. No merit increases (for staff) were included, but there has been some discussion of bonuses being issued. The hazard pay bonus was awarded to staff who were found eligible (high risk and very high risk) using the VOSH (Virginia Occupational Safety and Health) Permanent Standards that allowed the use of Federal Hazard pay funding.
- Contracting with Spark Hire has been approved, the CSB will be one of the first agencies to utilize their services. Additionally, the CSB has identified a vendor that works with other healthcare organizations that will assist with employee surveys and can provide benchmark comparisons. Other considerations include recruitment, referral, and retention incentives and placement of less targeted ads, e.g., Case Managers for multiple service areas. Additionally, efforts to streamline the hiring process are underway.
- A brief update to STEP-VA activities was provided, the highlights of which included:

- Funding of approximately \$400K for outpatient services continues.
- Funding for strengthening peer services and services to veterans is anticipated.
- The Regional Office is anticipated to receive crisis services funding to include:
 - Establishment of an IT (Internet Technologies) platform for a regional call center. An RFP (Request for Proposal) for call center staffing will be advertised.
 - Funding for mobile crisis services. Efforts to expand services includes possibly working with Arlington County if their existing contract can be expanded. If needed, a competitive RFP for provision of services will be advertised.
- The COVID-19 update for staff included 81 staff testing positive with 80 staff returning to work. Noting that some staff teleworked while quarantining. It was reported that the COVID related flexibility with teleworking and telehealth is scheduled to end April 21st. Should the deadline not be extended, staff will be required to discontinue telehealth (for billing purposes) and provide in-person, face-to-face services.
- An update to the state hospital bed crisis was provided. It is anticipated that the current status will continue until a sufficiently high proportion of individuals are immune to/vaccinated for COVID.

8. CSB Board Agenda

The March 24, 2020 CSB Board Meeting agenda was presented for review. Acknowledging no recommendations were forthcoming, the agenda was accepted as revised.

9. Matters of the Executive Committee

A. *Service Delivery Oversight (SDOC) Committee:*

Sheila Jonas reported efforts for design and preparation for this committee were a primary focus. Additional activities included:

- Following communication from Supervisor Alcorn regarding matters of concern related to Employment & Day Services and vendor partner Gabriel Homes., CSB staff including Barbara Wadley-Young, Evan Jones, and other staff members worked with the vendor with positive results. CSB Board members will be updated once a schedule for resumption of ED Services is finalized,

The first SDOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 5:00 p.m. and will be either wholly electronic or in-person at the Merrifield Center, Level 3-Room 314, West as determined by the members in acknowledgement of ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

B. *Compliance Committee:*

As the meeting had just occurred with all committee members present, no update was provided.

The next meeting of the Compliance Committee is Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be wholly electronic or in-person at the Merrifield Center, Level 3-Room 314, West as determined by the members in acknowledgement of ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

C. *Fiscal Oversight Committee:*

Jennifer Adeli reported the next meeting was scheduled for the following day (Thursday, March 18, 2021), noting a report will be provided to the full Board at the March meeting.

The next meeting of the Fiscal Oversight Committee is Friday, March 18, 2021 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Merrifield Center, Room 3-314, West.

D. *Other Matters:*

Bettina Lawton announced that Chairman McKay's office confirmed consideration of nominees to fill the vacant At-Large CSB Board set.

Ms. Lawton further announced that Daniel Herr was hired as Deputy Director of Administrative Operations starting Monday March 29, 2021.

10. CSB Board Annual Planning Calendar

No recommendations were offered.

Bettina Lawton inquired whether there any matters that required discussion in closed session. As no one raised any matters or need for a closed session and there being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Actions Taken –

- The February 19, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes were approved.
- The March 17, 2021 Executive Committee agenda was accepted as presented.
- The March 24, 2021 CSB Board agenda was approved as presented.
- The Annual Planning calendar was accepted as presented.

April 21, 2021

Date Approved



Clerk to the Board