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**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY  
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES BOARD**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Obediah Baker, Jr., Deanna Bayer, Voneka Bennett, Dr. William Carr, Altonia Garrett, Bradley Marshall, John O’Leary, Timothy Oshiki, Patrick Sowers

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Francis Rath

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Lisa Madron, Georgia Bachman, Melinda Bringham-Office of the Executive Director  
Division Managers: Mike Goodrich, Administrative Services; Sara Wheeler, Youth Adult and Family Services; Elise Madison, Emergency Services; Dr. Kanchan Clark, Medical Services; Sherry Bowman, Community Support  
Program Staff: Heather Baxter, Emergency Services

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Pat Victorson-NAMI Prince William; Wendy Oshiki, Sean Oshiki, Colleen Oshiki

**PRESS PRESENT:**

None

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**OPENING:** The Regular Meeting of the Community Services Board was convened on January 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Powell’s Creek Conference Room, James J. McCoart Government Center, 1 County Complex Court, Prince William, VA.

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**APPROVE REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION MEANS**

**RESOLUTION 23-01R1-01**

**MOTION:** Sowers

**SECOND:** Carr

**WHEREAS**, the Community Services Board adopted a policy pursuant to § 2.2-3708.2 VA CODE ANN to allow for remote participation by Members of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Board’s policy, Ms. Altonia Garrett notified the Chair that the Member is requesting permission from the Board to electronically participate at the Board’s January 19, 2023 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Altonia Garrett certified that she is unable to attend the meeting due an identified personal matter that prevents her physical presence; and

**WHEREAS**, the remote locations from which the above member(s) plan to electronically participate is their personal residence temporary or permanent residence and the remote location(s) will not be open to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Altonia Garrett verified that her participation in any closed session of the meeting shall remain confidential and not be disclosed to any unauthorized persons or entities; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Board’s policy, a request for electronic participation from a remote location shall be approved unless participation violates the Board’s policy or any provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Community Services Board hereby approves the request to participate in the meeting through electronic communication means in accordance with the Board’s policy and a quorum of the Board was physically assembled at one primary or central location and arrangements were made for the voice of, Ms. Altonia Garrett to be heard by all persons via Webex at the primary or central meeting location.

**Vote:**

Ayes-- Baker, Bayer, Bennett, Carr, Marshall, O’Leary, Oshiki, Sowers

Nays--0

Abstained--0

Absent During Vote--0

Absent From Meeting--Garrett, Rath

## **CITIZEN'S TIME**

--Ms. Pat Victorson of NAMI Prince William shared that she continues to advocate for the CRC with members of the Virginia House and Senate and was thrilled with the good news regarding the federal funding for the CRC. Ms. Victorson also shared that VOICES met with Governor Younkin last Tuesday and the meeting was exclusively regarding the CRC and mental health resources in Northern Virginia.

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## **STAFF TIME**

Sara Wheeler, Youth, Adult & Family Services Division Manager, shared comments that she received from a participant of the SOR Peer Program where the client expressed their appreciation of how much it meant to them having a therapist with lived experience.

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## **PRESENTATION: Emergency Services/Marcus Alert, Heather Baxter**

Ms. Heather Baxter shared a brief history of the Marcus Davis Peters Act and that it is a comprehensive approach to ensuring that Virginia provides a therapeutic, health focused approach to behavioral health emergencies. Marcus Alert is designed to improve access and linkage to community services for persons in crisis, provide an earlier crisis response within the continuum of care, enhance community-based crisis service response, and to take the police out of the front lines of behavioral health crisis response. Marcus Alert will achieve the proposed outcomes by the development of policies and protocols for responding to behavioral health emergencies, the creation of community response teams, the requirement of a voluntary data base for public safety and 911 communications personnel, the creation of a regional crisis call center, and the creation of an oversight committee to track successes and challenges.

Ms. Baxter shared how Prince William County has implemented the Marcus Alert initiative by updating police protocols, policies and trainings, expansion of the Co-Responder Program, created an Outreach and Engagement Team, worked with the region to implement a regional call center, and trained 911 communication personnel on how to identify levels of behavioral health emergency calls. Ms. Baxter stated that there is currently a Memorandum of Understanding in place with other CSBs, law enforcement, crisis call center, regional mobile crisis teams but that they will be adding fire and rescue and will be making specific edits to the notification of law enforcement. Ms. Baxter shared that in Greater Prince William there are 2 voluntary data bases that are being used: Rapid SOS, and Smart911. Ms. Baxter stated that in FY22, CRU responded to 725 persons in crisis. 89% were able to be diverted from custody. So far in FY23, the Outreach and Engagement team has followed up on 163 requests. Ms. Baxter also shared that in FY22, CRU responded to 725 persons in crisis. 89% were able to be diverted from custody and in FY22 there was a 21% decrease in Emergency Custody Orders (ECO).

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 23-01R1-02**

**MOTION:** Bayer

**SECOND:** Baker

The Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby approve the minutes of December 15, 2022.

**Vote:**

Ayes--Baker, Bayer, Bennett, Carr, Garrett, Marshall, O'Leary, Oshiki, Sowers

Nays--0

Abstained--0

Absent During Vote--0

Absent From Meeting--Rath

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**RECOMMEND THE PRINCE WILLIAM BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS ACCEPT, BUDGET, AND APPROPRIATE \$2,108,599 IN ONGOING AND \$559,905 IN ONE-TIME REVENUE TO RECONCILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNTY BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION 23-01R1-03**

**MOTION:** Carr

**SECOND:** Bayer

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) provides funding to Prince William County Community Services through the Performance Contract in accordance with Chapter 5 of Title 37.2 of the Code of Virginia (VA. Code §§ 37.2-500 through 512); and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services (CS) is required to reflect accurate revenue projections and must request an increase in budget authority so that additional funds can be expended; and

**WHEREAS**, CS requests increasing one-time U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Community Mental Health Services Federal Block Grant (MHFBG) Coordinated Specialty Care revenue by \$325,332 to provide recovery-oriented treatment services for youth adults with first

episode psychosis and establish 1 FTE Senior Clinical Services Caseworker, grade C51, limit-term grant position with funding effective through September 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, CS requests increasing one-time U.S. DHHS SAMHSA MHFBG Consolidated Appropriations Act Women’s Substance Use Disorder (SUD) revenue by \$29,573 to provide staff training for improved recovery outcomes for women with funding effective through March 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, CS requests increasing one-time U.S. DHHS SAMHSA Federal Opioid Response revenue by \$180,000 to address the opioid crisis and overdose deaths related to opiate use through substance use prevention, recovery, and treatment services for the DBHDS State Opioid Response program, renewing funding for a fifth year, effective through September 29, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, CS requests increasing one-time state DBHDS Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act revenue by \$25,000 for client specific supports to provide individuals with developmental disabilities who live in nursing homes with specialized care; and

**WHEREAS**, CS requests increasing ongoing Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) revenue by \$8,599 for increased salary support for the DJJ Therapist position providing counseling, case management, court-ordered evaluations, and assessments for juveniles on probation; and

**WHEREAS**, CS requests increasing ongoing DBHDS Adolescent Crisis Receiving Center (CRC) revenue by \$2,100,000 for short-term residential and 23-hour observation services with funding in Fiscal Year 2023 to support program startup and capital project buildout, 1 FTE Assistant Director of Human Services, grade D62, permanent position, and ongoing youth CRC operations; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are restricted for use in accordance with the DBHDS Performance Contract agreement including services and supports for behavioral health, mental health, intellectual disability, developmental disability, and substance abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no general fund local tax support required to budget and appropriate these funds; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William County Community Services Board recommends the Prince William Board of County Supervisors accept, budget, and appropriate \$2,108,599 in ongoing and \$559,905 in one-time revenue to reconcile the FY 2023 Community Services County budget; of which \$2.1 million Adolescent Crisis Receiving Center funds will be budgeted and appropriated in the Crisis Receiving Center capital project and in future years these funds will be budgeted and appropriated in the Community Services budget;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorize establishing 1 FTE limited term grant position through September 25, 2025, and 1 FTE permanent position;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Prince William County Community Services Board recommends Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorize all unexpended amounts specific to this request to be carried forward from year to year.

**Vote:**

Ayes--Baker, Bayer, Bennett, Carr, Garrett, Marshall, O'Leary, Oshiki, Sowers

Nays--0

Abstained--0

Absent During Vote--0

Absent From Meeting--Rath

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**AUTHORIZE STAFF TO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND THE CITY COUNCILS OF MANASSAS AND MANASSAS PARK OBSERVE MARCH AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY MONTH, NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK IN MAY, SEPTEMBER AS SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY MONTH, WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY IN OCTOBER**

**RESOLUTION 23-01R1-04**

**MOTION:** Sowers

**SECOND:** Bennett

**WHEREAS,** the Public Relations Committee will be using March to observe Developmental Disability Month; and

**WHEREAS,** the Public Relations Committee will be using May to observe National Prevention Week; and

**WHEREAS,** the Public Relations Committee will be using September to observe National Recovery Month; and

**WHEREAS,** the Public Relations Committee will be using October to observe World Mental Health Day; and

**WHEREAS,** proclamations are a good way to educate the community about Mental Health, Developmental Disability and Substance Abuse Services; and

**WHEREAS,** staff need approval from the Community Services Board in order to request that the Board of County Supervisors and the City Councils proclaim March as Developmental Disability Month, National Prevention Week in May, September as National Recovery Month, World Mental Health Day in October; and

**WHEREAS**, having approval in advance of the observations will give staff the flexibility to get the request on the appropriate agenda in a timely manner;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby authorize staff to request that the Board of County Supervisors and the City Councils of Manassas and Manassas Park proclaim March as Developmental Disability Month, National Prevention Week in May, September as National Recovery Month, and World Mental Health Day in October.

**Vote:**

Ayes--Baker, Bayer, Bennett, Carr, Garrett, Marshall, O'Leary, Oshiki, Sowers

Nays--0

Abstained--0

Absent During Vote--0

Absent From Meeting--Rath

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**OPEN ITEMS**

--Ms. Melinda Bringham shared that the Mobius Payroll system has gone live and reminded the Members to please check their email for instructions on how to use the system and to reach out to her if there are any questions. The Mobius system is self-serve and that they are able to update their own information directly with any address or banking changes. Ms. Bringham stated that she will enter the Members monthly stipends on their behalf so each member will not need to do so.

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S TIME**

--Ms. Madron shared that she attended the VACSB Legislative Conference this week where they had the opportunity to review all the upcoming bills through the Virginia Assembly.

--Ms. Madron shared that she has attended the first of a two-day workshop by the Virginia Opiate Abatement Authority where they are explaining the process to apply for local and regional funding. She shared that it appears that there may be a bit more time to apply for the local funding which is helpful.

--Ms. Madron thanked Ms. Baxter for presenting this evening and shared that she and Ms. Bachman attended a CIT graduation ceremony in December. Ms. Madron stated that this training is very intense and that not all who participate graduate from the program. Ms. Madron shared that staff will

be presenting on the CIT Program at the February meeting and the CS Board will have the opportunity to participate in an exercise from the program.

--Ms. Madron shared that on January 5<sup>th</sup>, Mr. John Littel, Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources visited the Worth Avenue site which will be the home of the new Crisis Receiving Center. Mr. Littel shared that he believes that this facility will be a model for the rest of the state.

--Ms. Madron announced that the Prince William County Attorney's Office will be sending out the yearly Community Services Board Survey and asked that the members please complete and return the survey as soon as possible as this is a state code requirement.

--Ms. Madron shared that Ms. Bachman will be presenting the CS Board with the FY22 CS Annual Report and thanked her for her leadership in this project. Ms. Bachman worked with Michelle Kaston, Anne Barksdale, and Melinda Bringham to develop this outstanding report that showcases the impact that Community Services has had on our community.

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## **DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S TIME**

--Ms. Bachman thanked Ms. Madron for the introduction and provided printed copies of the FY22 Community Services Annual Report. Ms. Bachman thanked the team for their collaborative efforts and shared that Ms. Barksdale's incredible graphic design work really highlighted the impact of Community Services on those we serve. Ms. Bachman asked that after reviewing the report to please share any feedback that they may have. Ms. Madron also asked the Members to please share a copy, preferably in person, with their appointing authority when they are advocating for Community Services.

--Ms. Bachman announced that CS will be partnering with Michael Gillette to develop an internal Ethics Committee. Mr. Gillette has worked with CS for many years providing ethics workshops for CS staff. Ms. Bachman asked the Board if any would like to participate on the committee. Ms. Bayer, Dr. Carr, and Mr. Marshall showed interest. Once the dates and times of the meetings are established, one Member will be selected to participate based on their availability.

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## **BOARD MEMBERS' TIME**

**ALTONIA GARRETT:** Ms. Garrett thanked the Chairman for allowing her to participate remotely this evening. Ms. Garrett thanked Ms. Baxter for her report on Marcus Alert and remarked that it is fascinating to see the progress over the past year or so. Ms. Garrett thanked Ms. Madron, Ms. Bachman along with all of staff for a great year and she is looking forward to this year. Ms. Garrett congratulated Chairman Oshiki for a wonderful first meeting.

**OBEDIAH BAKER, JR.:** Mr. Baker thanked the staff for all the presentations this evening. Mr. Baker commented that that the Annual Report is just perfect and that he hopes that no one steals our talent. He shared that the layout is excellent and that the images convey the message of the report. Mr. Baker thanked Ms. Madron and the staff for all they do.

**DR. WILLIAM CARR:** Dr. Carr thanked the staff for everything they do and commented that the annual report was excellent, and the presentation was fantastic and engaging. Dr. Carr also complimented the Chairman on a good first meeting as Chair.

**DEANNA BAYER:** Mx. Bayer thanked Ms. Victorson for her update this evening and thanked Chairman Oshiki for a wonderful first meeting as Chair. Mx. Bayer shared that while the annual report is eye catching, it really shows how CS programs are really helping those served. Mx. Bayer shared that she will be presenting the annual report in person to her BOCS Supervisor. Mx. Bayer expressed her thanks to the staff for being able to find funding for the CRC. Mx. Bayer shared that she has been on the CS Board for a little over a year now and each meeting she is more amazed with everything that staff is accomplishing. Mx. Bayer shared that she hopes that more citizens will participate in SMART911 and that she is very excited about the progress of Marcus Alert.

**BRADLEY MARSHALL:** Mr. Marshall wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Marshall shared that he believes that Emergency Services, CIT, and Marcus Alert are the most important things that CS does. Mr. Marshall shared that he hopes that everyone will participate with SMART911 and that he was able to complete his profile in less than 5 minutes. Mr. Marshall shared that the recognition months are great, and it is wonderful to hear about what the internal committees are doing and that he would like to hear more from the committees in the future. Mr. Marshall stated that the annual report is impressive and very professional. It provides a wonderful snapshot of the work that CS is doing, and he will be presenting it in person to his new Supervisor after the Gainesville District election. Mr. Marshall thanked the staff for everything they do.

**PATRICK SOWERS:** Mr. Sowers echoed the previous comments regarding the annual report. Mr. Sowers thanked Chairman Oshiki for conducting an excellent first meeting. Mr. Sowers shared that fight for funding continues and that he is glad to be a part of CS.

**VONEKA BENNETT:** Ms. Bennett thanked Ms. Baxter for her presentation on Marcus Alert this evening and remarked that what she is doing is making a meaningful difference in the community. Ms. Bennett also thanked Mr. Goodrich for his presentation. Ms. Bennett thanked Ms. Madron and Ms. Bachman for their leadership and also thanked the staff for all they do.

**JOHN O'LEARY:** Mr. O'Leary shared that it is good to hear about the progress with the CRC and the Co Responder Program. Mr. O'Leary shared that he would love to see the Co Responder program expand in the future. Mr. O'Leary stated that money never seems to be the issue with expansion and that finding the staffing is the largest hurdle to expansion.

**TIMOTHY OSHIKI:** Chairman Oshiki shared that it is always a pleasure to see Ms. Victorson and thanked her for her tireless and passionate advocacy. Chairman Oshiki remarked that the feedback that has been received on the Co-Responder Program has been very positive and he is grateful to hear that people are being treated with the dignity and respect they deserve and that the team is living up to that standard. Chairman Oshiki thanked Mike Goodrich and Robyn Fontaine for presenting the financial reports in an easy-to-understand manner. Chairman Oshiki expressed that the CS leadership is wonderful and that the staff are the ones that really get the job done and asked that it be relayed to them that they are highly valued and appreciated.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **RESOLUTION 22-01R1-05**

**MOTION:** Baker

**SECOND:** Bayer

The Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby agree to adjourn the January 19, 2023, Regular Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**Vote:**

Ayes-- Baker, Bennett, Bayer, Carr, Garrett, Marshall, O'Leary, Oshiki, Sowers

Nays--0

Abstained--0

Absent During Vote--0

Absent From Meeting--Rath

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