



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

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. William Carr

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STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Madron, Diana Arana, Janet Hall - Office of the Executive Director

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Division Managers: Sara Wheeler – Adult and Family Services; Dr. Kanchan Clark – Medical Director/Medical Services; Elise Madison – Emergency Services; Ginny Heuple – Early Intervention; Mike Goodrich, Administrative Services; Tanya Odell- Youth Services

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Program Staff: Robyn Fontaine – Administrative Services; Heather Martinsen – Wellness and Prevention; LaChondra Everett – New Horizons; Vicki Otchere – New Horizons; Sabrina Urquhart – New Horizons

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GUESTS PRESENT:

Pat Victorson, NAMI Prince William
Stephen M., Mother, Sister
Elijah Johnson – Deputy County Executive
Board of County Supervisors/Designees: Supervisors Yesli Vega, Jeanine Lawson, Vice-Mayor Alanna Mensing, Kandis Holley

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PRESS PRESENT:

None

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OPENING: The Regular Meeting of the Community Services Board was convened on October 19, 2023, at 6:34 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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CITIZEN'S TIME

Pat Victorson - NAMI Prince William

Ms. Victorson shared three NAMI updates:

--Children's Challenging Behaviors Workshop was held in September. There will be a second one on November 18, and a third one on December 9 in Spanish. Each workshop is 6 hours, and they are held at the Arc of Northern Virginia.

--NAMI on Campus High School Club is now available. This previously was just at colleges and universities. The new program for is at Woodbridge Senior High School and there are about 25 students already interested. This is a student-led club.

--NAMI is onboarding a new AmeriCorp member through the Healthy Minds Alliance. This facilitates placement of youth who want to serve a year of public service working in the public health field.

RECOGNITION

Board Chair Oshiki presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Robyn Fontaine for her expertise and for putting Community Services in the strong fiscal position it is in today. The certificate outlines how Ms. Fontaine is central to key CS initiatives and that she is noticed and appreciated for her excellence over the past two years.

PRESENTATION: REVIVE! Training – Heather Martinsen

REVIVE! Training – Heather Martinsen led a training for the Board of County supervisors/designees in attendance, the CS board members, staff, and guests on REVIVE naloxone training which is a statewide program developed by DBHDS. The training was developed so that residents can understand legislation, addiction, why opioids are used, how naloxone works, risk factors, myths and how to respond to an overdose emergency.

PRESENTATION: New Horizons Program – Tanya Odell

Ms. Odell introduced LaChondra Everett, the new Program Manager over the New Horizons Program. Ms. Odell shared that Community Services was recently awarded its first ever SAMHSA grant for which the goal is to improve mental health outcomes for youth and their families by looking at the system of care to increase the partnerships that we have with all of the child's serving agencies within the community. A device application geared towards youth is under development that will aid in connection to resources and provide motivation and interaction to improve outcomes.

Ms. Odell introduced Sabrina Urquhart and Vicki Otchere, who are supervisors in the New Horizons program, and Stephen who visited a board meeting last year and has returned to share his journey and provide an update on how he is doing. Ms. Otchere and Stephen spoke to the strides Stephen has made with employment, family, hobbies, mentoring, and his experiences having been opioid free since September 29, 2021.

STAFF TIME

--**Mike Goodrich** – Mr. Goodrich shared that the CRC bid process is ongoing and that this week there was a walk through with potential bidders. On Monday subcontractors will have the chance to walk through. November 6 is bid opening and at the end of November the BOCS will move forward. Hopefully by the December meeting CS will have an awarded contract.

--**Elise Madison** – Ms. Madison shared that the Virginia CIT conference was held this week. Kym Ludwig, a co responder in Emergency Services, was named the CIT Provider of the Year for 2023.

--**Ginny Heuple** – Ms. Heuple shared the results of the annual Determination for Compliance with Monitoring Indicators (Report Card). This is the 12th consecutive year of Meets Requirements, which is the highest score possible.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 23-10R1-01

MOTION: Marshall

SECOND: Sowers

The Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby approve the minutes of September 21, 2023.

Vote:

Ayes—Baker, Bayer, Bennett, Marshall, O’Leary, Oshiki, Rath

Nays--0

Abstained—Garrett, Sowers

Absent During Vote—0

Absent From Meeting- Carr

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE AND ADOPT THE 2024 COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

RESOLUTION 23-10R1-02

MOTION: Marshall

SECOND: Rath

Vote:

Ayes—Baker, Bayer, Bennett, Garrett, Marshall, O’Leary, Oshiki, Rath, Sowers

Nays--0

Abstained—0

Absent During Vote—0

Absent From Meeting- Carr

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of By-Laws by the By-Laws Committee

Draft By-laws were reviewed and recommended changes were noted. The final draft will be presented for approval and acceptance at the November board meeting.

Present Nominations for 2024 Officers by Nominating Committee

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Baker presented the nominations for the 2024 officers as follows:

Chair – Timothy Oshiki

Vice-Chair – John O’Leary

Secretary – Voneka Bennett

Board members unanimously agreed to the nominations

Appoint Board Member to Write the Holiday Letter to Staff

Altonia Garrett volunteered and was appointed to write the holiday letter to staff. The final will be signed by each board member at the November board meeting.

Report on VACSB Public Policy Conference

Lisa Madron and Pat Sowers summarized the speakers and workshops that were held at the Public Policy Conference in Roanoke in October. Ms. Madron shared that CCBHC is on hold. The Governor is focusing on the Right Help Right Now plan. A flyer with the 2024 VACSB conference dates and locations was distributed.

OPEN ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S TIME

--Ms. Madron shared that the Friends of Horticultural Therapy (FOHT) will hold an angel gourd workshop on November 4. It's a great fundraiser and participants leave with a festive gourd. A flyer was distributed.

--Ms. Madron distributed the VACSB legislative packet which outlines the priorities with highlighted Prince William Community Services. Also included were the Northern Virginia Region 2 priorities across the region. Ms. Madron asked that the members please share with their appointing Board of County Supervisors.

BOARD MEMBERS' TIME

OBEDIAH BAKER, JR.: Mr. Baker expressed how enlightened and heartwarming it was to see Stephen and hear his story. Mr. Baker also expressed that he has not been to a meeting over his years of serving that he has not learned about another CS responsibility or discipline. Mr. Baker thanked everyone for making this organization what it is.

DEANNA BAYER: Mx. Bayer thanked all the staff and shared that she tells everyone how extraordinary CS is. Mx. Bayer shared that she is so impressed with Stephen and that he is so encouraging. Mx. Bayer shared that it has been an honor to serve.

ALTONIA GARRETT: Ms. Garrett expressed that Stephen's story is incredible and that she is encouraged, too. Ms. Garrett shared that everyone is amazing and that she too learns something every time. Ms. Garrett said she looks forward to writing the holiday letter.

FRANCIS RATH: Mr. Rath thanked everyone for the presentations. Mr. Rath shared that Stephen is so impressive. Mr. Rath also stated that he has learned so much over the last year.

BRADLEY MARSHALL: Mr. Marshall shared that he is happy to hear about the first NAMI high school club. Mr. Marshall expressed that he can't say enough about Stephen, and that it is very motivating to see a true outcome of what Community Services does every day. Mr. Marshall said he thought the REVIVE training was fantastic.

PATRICK SOWERS: Mr. Sowers expressed that Stephen's story just keeps getting better. Mr. Sowers extended an offer to Stephen to attend a VACSB conference and speak on his experiences. Mr. Sowers said that he cannot stress enough to get to one of the conferences, and that members come back knowing more and can help more.

VONEKA BENNETT: Ms. Bennett thanked all of the CS staff for the wonderful work they do. Ms. Bennett shared that she was excited to see Stephen, see how far he has come, and that it cheers her heart.

JOHN O'LEARY: Mr. O'Leary shared he was glad to hear about the campus club. Mr. O'Leary thanked Ms. Fontaine for the awesome job. Mr. O'Leary thanked Heather for a great job with the REVIVE training. Mr. O'Leary said it was nice to see Stephen and that he is doing so well.

TIMOTHY OSHIKI: Mr. Oshiki thanked Ms. Victorson and expressed that NAMI on Campus is an amazing thought and a fantastic way to deepen the pool of people's interest in behavioral health. Mr. Oshiki shared that he is appreciative of Ms. Martinsen and staff for REVIVE. Mr. Oshiki expressed that Stephen embodies what CS is and to always celebrate the wins. Mr. Oshiki asked that everyone go back to staff and let them know how much they are appreciated.

AUTHORIZED CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 23-10-R1-03

MOTION: Baker

SECOND: Bayer

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Community Services Board desires to discuss in Closed Session personnel matters as allowed under Virginia Code 2.2-3711, section A1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby authorize discussion of the aforesaid matters in Closed Session.

Vote:

Ayes—Baker, Bayer, Bennett, Garrett, Marshall, O’Leary, Oshiki, Rath, Sowers

Nays--0

Abstained—0

Absent During Vote—0

Absent From Meeting- Carr

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 23-10-R1-04

MOTION: Marshall

SECOND: O’Leary

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Community Services Board has this day adjourned into Closed Session in accordance with a formal vote of the Board, and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information Act requires certification that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with the law;

WHEREAS, that the Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby certify that to the best of each member’s knowledge, i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and ii) only such public business matters were identified in the Motion by which the said Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Board. No member dissents from the aforesaid certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Community Services Board agrees and approved the Executive Director annual evaluation as presented by Mr. Elijah Johnson, Deputy County Executive.

Adjourned into Closed Session at **9:01 p.m.**

Concluded Closed Session at **9:16 p.m.**

Vote:

Ayes—Baker, Bayer, Bennett, Garrett, Marshall, O’Leary, Oshiki, Rath, Sowers

Nays--0

Abstained—0

Absent During Vote—0

Absent From Meeting- Carr

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 23-10R1-05

MOTION: O’Leary

SECOND: Marshall

The Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby agree to adjourn the October 19, 2023, Regular Meeting at 9:16 pm.

Vote:

Ayes—Baker, Bayer, Bennett, Garrett, Marshall, O’Leary, Oshiki, Rath, Sowers

Nays--0

Abstained—0

Absent During Vote—0

Absent From Meeting- Carr
