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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Obediah Baker, Jr, Voneka Bennett, Dr. William Carr, Bradley Marshall,
John O’Leary, Timothy Oshiki, Latasha Simmons, Patrick Sowers

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Altonia Garrett, Heather Page

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Madron, Betsy Strawderman, Melinda Bringham-Office of Executive Director,
Division Managers: Dr. Kanchan Clark - Medical Director; Elise Madison –
Emergency Services; Sherry Bowman – Community Support Services
Staff: Jim Fleming -Administrative Services; Michelle Salzman- Vocational
Services

GUESTS PRESENT:

Brenda Gardziel, JoAnn Rudy, Brian Richard, Claudia Strock – Friends of
Horticultural Therapy

PRESS PRESENT:

None

OPENING: The Regular Meeting of January 21, 2021 of the Community Services
Board was convened in the Jean McCoy Conference Room, Sudley North
Government Center, 7987 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, Virginia.



CITIZEN TIME:

None

STAFF TIME:

Ms. Elise Madison announced that Ms. Andrea Shea was awarded the 2020 CIT Behavioral Health Provider of the Year by the Virginia Crisis Intervention Team Coalition for her work and dedication to the Virginia CIT program.

Presentation: Friends of Horticulture Therapy, Mr. Brian Richard

Friends of Horticulture Therapy Board Member, Mr. Jim Strock provided the Board with their FY 20 audited financial report and shared some of their recent activities which included a visit with Coles District Supervisor, Yesli Vega to discuss possible funding sources. FOHT members also delivered gift bags and plants to former and current members before the Christmas holiday. The FOHT Board are working on ways to increase community involvement and support for their community program. Mr. Strock also shared updates on the progress they have made on the site for their proposed new facility and provided the Board with conceptual drawings. Their work plan for CY2021 includes visiting with the new Prince William Board of County Supervisors and continued fund-raising efforts. Mr. Strock also expressed that FOHT would like to update the Memorandum of Understanding with PWC CS to address the relationships/responsibilities of parties during planning and construction of their new permanent facility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 21-1R1-01

MOTION: Baker

SECOND: Marshall

The Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby approve the minutes of December 17, 2020.

Vote:

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

Nays--0

Abstained--0

Absent from Vote--0

Absent from Meeting--Garrett, Page

**AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN
AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FY 2019 AND FY 2020 COMMUNITY SERVICES
PERFORMANCE CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Performance Contract is the primary accountability tool utilized by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) for the \$10.3 million in state funding and \$2.0 million in federal funding provided by DBHDS to support Prince William CSB operations; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Community Services Board must have an approved State Performance Contract with DBHDS to continue receiving state and Federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Community Services Board extended the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Performance Contract for the period July 1, 2020, through December 30, 2020, at its June 18, 2020, meeting as requested by DBHDS; and

WHEREAS, DBHDS has requested that CSBs extend the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Performance Contract until June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a fully executed Performance Contract requires approval by the CSB and associated localities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Community Services Board authorize the Board Chair and Executive Director to sign Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Community Services Performance Contract.

RESOLUTION 21-1R1-02

MOTION: Oshiki

SECOND: Marshall

Vote:

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

Nays--0

Abstained--0

Absent from Vote--0

Absent from Meeting--Garrett, Page

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S TIME

--Ms. Madron reminded the Board Members that the Prince William County Attorney's Office recently sent out the annual board survey to comply with the code of Virginia and asked that if anyone has yet to complete it to see Melinda for copies.

--Ms. Madron discussed the information on the VACSB Advocacy Blitz that was sent out yesterday to the Board. The first date was today with another date to be announced soon. This year it will be all done virtually as the in-person day was cancelled due to COVID-19. She stated that is a wonderful opportunity to discuss with the Virginia Legislators about the services CS provides in their districts and share concerns about the proposed budget amendment pertaining to local inpatient purchase of service (LIPOS) funds, proposed changes to the discharge planning regulations, and to request that STEP VA be fully funded.

--Ms. Madron shared the sad news on the sudden passing of the Adult Services Program Manager, Ms. Carol Thacker. Carol joined the agency in May 2010. Carol showed great passion for the recovery of those she served. Carol will be deeply missed.

--Ms. Madron stated that she feels this year's CS Annual Report is the best one yet and thanked the Division Managers and staff for their contributions. She especially wanted to thank Ms. Betsy Strawderman for planning, coordinating, designing, and editing the annual report. The stories that were included are very special and really speak the work that the agency does every day.



DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S TIME

-- Ms. Strawderman provided the Members of the Board copies of the 2020 Community Services Annual Report. She noted that the theme of this year's report is resiliency and shared stories of that resilience that were provided by the program staff. Ms. Strawderman stated that amazing things have come out of that resiliency and the CS staff have demonstrated it both in terms of their own ability to get through this really difficult time as well as their ability to support their clients during difficult times as well.



BOARD MEMBERS' TIME

Obediah Baker: Mr. Baker shared that he is glad to be back attending in person and that he is being very careful since he does have underlying health conditions that put him at higher risk, he must be careful. Mr. Baker stated that he is amazed at what this organization does and is proud to be a part of it.

Bradley Marshall: Mr. Marshall extended his condolences on the loss of Carol Thacker. He shared that he met her when they worked together in the DIVERT Docket which later changed to the Behavioral Health Docket that she was integral in helping to plan and start that effort. Her body may have been sick, but her spirit never was, and she was always a pleasure to work with. Mr. Marshall shared his congratulations to Ms. Andrea Shea on her award and stated that she is an asset to the organization. Mr. Marshall thanked the staff of CS for all their hard work and adaptability.

Voneka Bennett: Ms. Bennett extended her condolences to Ms. Madron and the staff on the passing of Ms. Carol Thacker. Ms. Bennett thanked Mr. Richard for his presentation this evening. Ms. Bennett also thanked the staff for finding creative ways to help their clients.

Dr. William Carr: Dr. Carr extended his condolences to the staff and the family of Ms. Carol Thacker. Dr. Carr thanked the staff for the reading material he received this evening.

Latasha Simmons: Ms. Simmons offered her condolences to the staff and the family of Ms. Carol Thacker. She stated that although she did not have the pleasure of meeting her, the previous comments show that she was a wonderful woman. Ms. Simmons congratulated Ms. Andrea Shea on her award.

John O'Leary: Mr. O'Leary extended his thoughts and prayers to the staff and the family of Ms. Carol Thacker. Mr. O'Leary shared that the first presentation that he ever saw as a CS Board member was from FOHT and that he has been a big fan of the program ever since. Mr. O'Leary congratulated Ms. Andrea Shea on her award.

Timothy Oshiki: Mr. Oshiki shared that anyone that ever knew Carol Thacker knew that she was simply a force of nature and that he was thankful that he got the opportunity to get to know her. He asked that the other members not to miss a chance to get to know the people behind the services because they will gain a much deeper understanding of how things work and all that goes into achieving some of the amazing outcomes that are highlighted in the annual report. Mr. Oshiki asked that his condolences be shared with her family and all the CS staff. Mr. Oshiki congratulated Ms. Andrea Shea on her richly deserved award. Mr. Oshiki thanked Brian and JoAnn for their excellent presentation this evening. Mr. Oshiki shared his concerns about HB1304 and that while he does not disagree with the overall goal, he does not want to shortchange the discharge planning process and the role it plays in positive outcomes. Mr. Oshiki asked that the staff be reminded how much he appreciates all that they do and is amazed to hear about all of the new and creative ways they are doing more with less every day.

Patrick Sowers: Chairman Sowers extended his condolences on the loss of Ms. Carol Thacker and asked that staff reach out to him if there is anything that he can do. Chairman Sowers congratulated Ms. Andrea Shea on her award and asked that Ms. Madron send out an email to the staff about the Employee of the Quarter program because so many of the staff are deserving of recognition for the work that they do. Chairman Sowers shared that he attended the virtual VACSB Legislative Conference and a couple of notable items that stood out to him were the legalization of marijuana and the issues that it will bring up over the next 5-10 years along with the opening of casinos in Virginia which he fears will result in a gambling addiction epidemic. Chairman Sowers thanked the members for their confidence in him by allowing him to serve as Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 21-1R1-03

MOTION: Oshiki

SECOND: Marshall

The Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby agree to adjourn the January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board at 7:47 p.m.

Vote:

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

Nays--0

Abstained--0

Absent from Vote--0

Absent from Meeting--Garrett, Page
