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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Voneka Bennett, Dr. William Carr, Vicky Castro, John O'Leary, Tim Oshiki,
Francis Rath, Patrick Sowers

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Deanna Bayer, Bradley Marshall

STAFF PRESENT:

Georgia Bachman, Sherry Bowman, Janet Hall - Office of the Executive Director
Division Managers:

Sara Wheeler – Adult and Family Services; Jackie Turner – Developmental
Disability Services; Tanya Odell – Youth Services, Elise Madison – Emergency
Services; Katanya Goswell – Community Support; Mike Goodrich -Administrative
Services

CS New Horizons:

LaChondra Everett, Kendra Rascoe, Takisha Smalls

GUESTS PRESENT

Pat Victorson-NAMI Prince William; Elijah Johnson-Deputy County Executive;
Colleen Oshiki

PRESS PRESENT:

None

OPENING: The regular meeting of the Community Services Board was convened
on October 17, 2024, 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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CITIZEN'S TIME

Pat Victorson- NAMI Prince William

Ms. Victorson shared the following:

--Angelica Bigsby was praised and recognized for all of her hard work on the Mental Health Awareness. Ms. Victorson stated that Ms. Bigsby is so organized and a pleasure to work with adding her follow through was phenomenal and she stayed "cool as a cucumber".

--Samayah M., the AmeriCorps member for the last year, was able to do outreach in many areas. She is currently serving on the NAMI national crisis line, and it is very moving to hear her experiences. She recently made presentations to over 100 9th graders at Manassas Park High School for their Ending the Silence Mental Health Awareness Program which was a kickoff to their mental health unit in their health classes. She has also been a Dari speaker at events at the mosque. Samayah will be ending work with NAMI, but she completed her main project of outreach to underserved populations.

--The NAMI on Campus Club program at Woodbridge Senior High kickoff event, with New Horizons star facilitator Tina DiGiacomo, had 57 students and the program is at capacity with 75 students participating. NAMI plans to reopen membership in the spring. There is a club at Forest Park High School and there will soon be one at Garfield High School. Ms. Victorson expressed that NAMI appreciates all of the support from Community Services.

STAFF TIME

--Sara Wheeler shared that today was recovery court graduation. Three participants graduated and our own Luis Quintero was the keynote speaker. Ms. Wheeler expressed that he did a great job. Mr. Quintero had provided a majority of the treatment to the adult participants in the treatment court. It was a great celebration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 24-10R1-01

MOTION: Rath

SECOND: Bennett

The Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby approve the minutes of September 19, 2024.

Vote:

Ayes- Bennett, Carr, Castro, Sowers

Nays-0

Abstained-O'Leary, Oshiki, Rath

Absent During Vote-0

Absent From Meeting—Bayer, Marshall

PRESENTATION: Youth Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, New Horizons System of Care – Tanya Odell, LaChondra Everett, Kendra Rascoe, Takisha Smalls

Tanya Odell, LaChondra Everett, Kendra Rascoe and Takisha Smalls, all of the New Horizons team, introduced the SAMHSA System of Care grant that was awarded to New Horizons and how the approach is best for the community, actions related to the grant, and participation requirements of the grant. Also covered was how the System of Care (SOC) is different than traditional care and information about the Connected County Care (C3) app which supports youth and their families by keeping them connected to resources and engaging them in activities that help them with emotions and behavior. Successes to date and success stories were shared. Part two of the presentation provided a programmatic overview of New Horizons over the last year including who was served and the numbers, the most common diagnoses for the youth served, trends, identified needs, and what New Horizons is doing to impact those needs. Updates to the New Horizons workforce, the successes, and plans for 2025 were also shared.

Attachment:

**APPROVE AND ADOPT THE 2025 COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MEETING SCHEDULE**

RESOLUTION 24-10R1-02

MOTION: Sowers

SECOND: Rath

Thursday, January 16 th	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, February 20 th	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, March 20 th	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, April 17 th	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, May 15 th	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, June 12 th (2 nd Thursday)	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, July 17 th Optional	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
August Recess		
Thursday, September 18 th	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, October 16 th	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, November 20 th	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, December 11 th (2 nd Thursday)	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room

Vote:

Ayes- Bennett, Carr, Castro, O'Leary, Oshiki, Rath, Sowers

Nays-0

Abstained--0

Absent During Vote-0

Absent From Meeting—Bayer, Marshall

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Nominations for Officers Made From Nomination Committee

The following slate of officers for 2025 was proposed by Patrick Sowers on behalf of the Nominating Committee (Dr. Carr, Patrick Sowers):

Patrick Sowers-Chairman
John O'Leary-Vice Chairman
Voneka Bennett-Secretary

Appoint Board Member to Write Staff Holiday Letter

Ms. Castro was appointed and agreed to write this year's staff holiday letter.

Policies and Procedures Updates – Mike Goodrich

Mr. Goodrich reviewed revisions to the Policy and Procedure Manual for the following:

Part VII Additional Requirements for Selected Services

- Article 5 Case Management Services (revised)
- Article 7 ACT Services (revised)

General Policies

- Staff Entry into Individual Homes (revised)
- Urine and Saliva Drug Screens (revised)
- Evening in Charge (revised)
- Private Practice (revised) + Private Practice Acknowledgement Form
- Advocacy (revised)

FY24 End of Year Report for Regional Crisis Resource Management – Elise Madison

Ms. Madison presented the Emergency Services 2024 Crisis Resource Management report which included updates on the current regional diversion projects and program support by state dollars, accessible state psychiatric inpatient facilities, local inpatient purchase of service contracts (LIPOS) and usage, crisis stabilization units, TDO care and breakdown of totals, crisis habilitation (REACH) and community regional crisis response (CR2), and County initiatives to divert hospital admissions.

Report on VACSB Conference

--Ms. Bachman shared that it was another successful Legislative and Policy Conference. There were phenomenal workshops, and the team divided and conquered to attend the various workshops. Workshops included OAA Funding, 42 CFR, Infant and Early Childhood, AI and Legal Implications in Healthcare, and Medicaid Redesign. There was a wonderful public policy presentation with the new secretary of Health and Human Resources, Janet Kelly.

--Mr. Sowers mentioned it is incredible how Prince William is the gold standard, cutting edge in every area, every department, every group he speaks to and every session he sits in on. He stated that the conference was great, and it is a pleasure to serve in PW and there at the VACSB.

Georgia added that some of CS staff have been asked to participate in a workshop in May .

--Ms. Bennett expressed that she had a great time, her favorite session was the AI presentation.

OPEN ITEMS:

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S TIME

--Ms. Bachman reiterated that she and Ms. Wheeler attended the drug court graduation today. It was very successful. Ms. Wheeler's team got huge kudos from the interim drug treatment coordinator who said how wonderful our staff were. One of our staff spoke on behalf of one of the graduates who was feeling too shy to speak. To see the impact was phenomenal and seeing our team's involvement was very gratifying. Ms. Bachman gave a huge shout out to Ms. Wheeler, and Mr. Dan Manza. This program saves lives, saves money and reduces recidivism. The other 16 participants were there to witness the graduation, so it was a really inspiring event.

--At the BOCS meeting on Tuesday all of the directors and acting directors in Mr. Johnson's quadrant of Health, Wellbeing and Environmental Sustainability presented to the BOCS. The presentation is online. Community Services got some great feedback.

--The Legislative Packet will go out in email and/or mail shortly. Highlights are:

- VACSB is putting forward funding requests to cover costs associated with the Priority 1 Waivers the governor funded.
- For Early Intervention services, VACSB is requesting an increase in funding to account for the 5% increase in children served and the deficit that EI services operates under each year.
- VACSB is requesting a 12.5% rate increase for SUD services that did not receive the permanent 12.5% rate increase that other behavioral services received.
- Prevention Services – Another increase VACSB is requesting is for Prevention Services. Ms. Bachman emphasized that prevention services are critical in serving the community across the full continuum and need to keep them adequately funded to be able to continue the robust array of services wanted in our community.

--CRC Update – Ms. Bachman shared that key partners are meeting weekly and approaching from a multitiered standpoint. There is meeting next week with DMAS and also working on state and federal delegate advocacy. Deputy Executive Elijah Johnson elaborated on the efforts to resolve the IMD (Institution for Mental Diseases) exclusion issue with the CRC that is around being able to bill Medicaid for funding. Mr. Johnson stated that “all hands are on deck” and conversations are being had amongst all parties involved. He is hoping for more clarity as a result of next week's meeting and that we will know what actions can be taken. CS board members had a couple of questions and there was further discussion as to the details surrounding the issue.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S TIME

--Ms. Bowman stated that she did not have updates this month to share.

BOARD MEMBERS' TIME

VICKY CASTRO

Ms. Castro gave a shout out to CS staff who worked tirelessly at the Mental Health Awareness Event and thanked everyone who participated in planning. Ms. Castro also thanked everyone for their presentations. She shared two events coming up and invited the board to participate:

- Red Ribbon Week October 23 – 31. This is in honor of DEA Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena. Schools do announcements to spread awareness and promote the importance of drug use prevention and pair it with parades and spirit week.
- Polar Plunge for Special Olympics February 15 at Leesylvania Park. Ms. Castro is creating a team again this year and invites people to join. The money goes to Special Olympics and is used for a lot of services in addition to the athletics that are most known to people.

FRANCIS RATH

Mr. Rath thanked everyone for their presentations and shared that he thought they were very useful and very educational.

PATRICK SOWERS

Mr. Sowers shared that the Housing Board has not met in two months.

VONEKA BENNETT

Ms. Bennett thanked all CS staff for their work and wished everyone a wonderful week.

JOHN O'LEARY

Mr. O'Leary shared that the New Horizons presentation was great and was very useful information. He also thanked Ms. Madison for her update and stated that it is always good to hear about the CRC.

TIM OSHIKI

Mr. Oshiki introduced Colleen Oshiki stating that Supervisor Angry has appointed her to the CS board. Mr. Oshiki shared that he is beyond proud of his daughter on this accomplishment. Mr. Oshiki also mentioned the presentations and reminded everyone how one person can make a difference. Mr. Oshiki thanked Ms. Victorson and told her that she is part of the CS family.

ADJOURNMENT**RESOLUTION 24-10R1-03**

MOTION: Sowers

SECOND: Rath

Vote:

Ayes- Bennett, Carr, Castro, O'Leary, Oshiki, Rath, Sowers

Nays-0

Abstained--0

Absent During Vote-0

Absent From Meeting—Bayer, Marshall

Adjourn time: 8:55 PM
