



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

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Georgia Bachman, Sherry Bowman, Janet Hall, Gina Tamayo - Office of the Executive Director

**Division Managers:**

Tanya Odell - Youth Services; Jackie Turner – Developmental Disability Services; Dr. Kanchan Clark - Medical Director; Elise Madison – Emergency Services; Katanya Goswell – Community Support Services; Mike Goodrich -Administrative Services; Robyn Fontaine – Finance; Michelle Kaston – IT, Sara Wheeler – Adult and Family Services, Ginny Heuple – Early Intervention

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Pat Victorson, NAMI Prince William

Bernice Mean chop, CRI

Dr. Bright Fleku, CRI

**PRESS PRESENT:**

None

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

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**RESOLUTION 24-03R1-01**

**MOTION:** Bayer

**SECOND:** Bennett

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**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, Altonia Garrett, Bradley Marshall, and Francis Rath notified the Chair that the Members are requesting permission from the Board to electronically participate at the Board’s March 21, 2024 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, Altonia Garrett, Bradley Marshall, and Francis Rath certified that they are unable to attend the meeting due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents their physical presence; and

**WHEREAS**, Altonia Garrett, Bradley Marshall, and Francis Rath certified that they are unable to attend the meeting due an identified personal matter that prevents their physical presence; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Altonia Garrett, Bradley Marshall, and Francis Rath verified that their 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 voices of, Altonia Garrett, Bradley Marshall, and Francis Rath to be heard by all persons via Webex at the primary or central meeting location.

**Vote:**

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

Nays--

Abstained--

Absent During Vote--

Absent From Meeting--

Reading waived.

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**OPENING:** The regular meeting of the Community Services Board was convened on March 21, 2024, at 6:38 p.m. in the Powell's Creek Conference Room, James J. McCourt Government Center, 1 County Complex Court, Prince William, VA.

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**CITIZEN'S TIME:**

**Pat Victorson- NAMI Prince William**

--Ms. Victorson thanked everyone for their service and for being here on a regular basis to promote better mental health services in the community.

--Ms. Victorson shared that it was a pleasure to drive by Gander Mountain and to see that construction has begun.

--Progress has been made in the General assembly to get bills passed.

--NAMI PW's intern, Samiah, has given presentations about mental health awareness to over 200 individuals in Prince William County. One of her main projects is outreach to the Dari/Afghan speaking community.

--NAMI is launching two new virtual programs that are starting June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hearts and Minds is for individuals concerned with health in general and chronic health conditions, integrating mental health and physical health. Sharing Hope collaborates with African American churches and other organizations in the community to bring a 3 series conversational introduction to mental health aimed at populations that have avoided discussing such topics.

**Bernice Mean chop and Dr. Bright Fleku, CRI**

--Ms. Mean chop and Dr. Fleku introduced themselves and shared that they have a couple of group homes within the area and are excited to be here today.

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**STAFF TIME**

None

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**PRESENTATION: ID/DD Services- Jacqueline Jackson**

--Ms. Jackson shared that Developmental Disabilities was moved from a program to a division. Ms. Jackson is looking forward to the opportunities to work with the new program manager, Elaine Wickliff, to develop programming.

--ID/DD Services have increased the number of waiver slots over the past year to help serve individuals who have been on lengthy waiting lists. They also acquired additional vouchers for integrated housing to get people into their own homes with support. The division was able to

reduce the number of vacancies they had for Support Coordinators, which has made an easier transition to get people served.

--Ms. Jackson shared the requirements for individuals interested in volunteering for the waiver waiting list. To be eligible, they must complete a brief application and cannot be parents of individuals who currently receive waiver services or family members of individuals who are on the waiver waiting list. There cannot be a conflict between their role within the CSB and being a decision maker. The department offers online training for the volunteers and guides them through the entire process.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **RESOLUTION 24-03R1-02**

**MOTION:** Bayer

**SECOND:** Carr

The Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby approve the minutes of March 21, 2024.

#### **Vote:**

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

Nays--

Abstained--

Absent During Vote--

Absent From Meeting--

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#### **ACTION ITEM:**

**A. Approve revised Community Services' fee schedule effective January 1, 2024, and continue to authorize the executive director to update the fee schedule in the event of Medicaid or Medicare fee changes or additions**

### **RESOLUTION 24-03R1-03**

**MOTION:** Sowers

**SECOND:** Bayer

**Vote:**

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

Nays--0

Abstained--0

Absent During Vote--0

Absent From Meeting--Garrett

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

None



**OPEN ITEMS:**

None

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S TIME:**

--Ms. Bachman shared the latest updates on the county budget. The proposed FY 25 County Budget was presented in February, it included a 2.5% market value adjustment for general service employees, a 3% merit increase, and funding for a comprehensive compensation study. In the county executive’s budget, he was not able to propose funding of any staffing plans outside of a few key priorities which included collective bargaining and public safety. Public hearings are scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>, followed by the markup process on April 16<sup>th</sup>, and the final adoption of the budget on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

--Ms. Bachman shared the latest update on the CRC, we continue to get weekly briefings and construction updates from the county designated project manager, to include photos and a video that showed walls being formed and plumbing installed.

--Ms. Bachman mentioned that in June 2023 we concluded our contract with RI, one of the regional crisis stabilization programs, at that time we lost 16 regional crisis beds, which was a huge loss, that program is on track to reopen. Connections has assumed the lease and plans are for that facility to be open by early summer.

--Ms. Bachman shared a project that started this week, which was originally proposed as one of the OAA proposals but was denied. George Mason and Community Services collaborated to create the Peer Pipeline Project. This 18-week curriculum provides interns and peer recovery specialists with skill development, mentoring, and paid internships to establish a strong peer pipeline.

--Ms. Bachman shared that the new Opioid Response Coordinator facilitated a very well attended and robust planning meeting, hosted at Sudley North, to discuss options to utilize the remaining OAA funding distributions. Over 30 county stakeholders presented detailed proposals, Robyn Fontaine provided an overview of the funding, and we had an overview of the health district’s

Opioid Community Needs Assessment which was critical in helping guide the discussion in terms of looking at the proposals and making sure that community needs are met. Stay tuned for further updates on this matter.

--Ms. Bachman informed the board of the recent national cyber security breach that occurred with Change Healthcare, a vendor we rely on for various business operations. Our county IT Team as well as our internal IT Team have been monitoring the situation closely. Although it was a security breach, the investigation is ongoing as to whether patient health information was compromised. CSB has temporarily switched to manual processes.



#### **DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S TIME:**

--Ms. Bowman shared that she attended the first Regional Support Coordination Conference, which turned out to be a phenomenal event encompassing all of region two. A total of 17 support coordinators, Jackie Jackson along with a few supervisors attended this remarkable event. This conference was just one of the numerous initiatives that Jackie has actively engaged in, alongside the DD community, throughout this month. These efforts aim to raise awareness and demonstrate the significant impact we have in helping others.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS' TIME:**

##### **FRANCIS RATH:**

Mr. Rath conveyed his apologies for not being able to attend today's board meeting in person due to just returning from a conference in Newport News and preparing to leave for another conference in Cleveland. Although he couldn't make it to the OAA planning meeting, he designated a representative to attend for him and will be receiving a briefing. Mr. Rath expressed his interest in partnering and mentioned having opioid funds, with more expected to come, and expressed a need for ideas and suggestions on how to utilize them. Mr. Rath encouraged anyone interested in partnering to reach out and contact him.

##### **ALTONIA GARRETT**

Ms. Garrett thanked everyone for the ID/DD presentation and the very efficient board meeting tonight.

##### **BRADLEY MARSHALL:**

Mr. Marshall expressed his apologies for not attending tonight's meeting in person, last minute change, but appreciates the accommodation. Mr. Marshall expressed his gratitude for the ID/DD presentation and all the other information provided tonight.

## **WILLIAM CARR**

Dr. Carr expressed how happy he is to hear about the Peer Pipeline Project. He thanked Jackie for the wonderful ID/DD presentation.

## **DEANNA BAYER**

Mx. Bayer conveyed her deep sense of humility whenever she engages with the dedicated employees of the Community Services Board, appreciating their commitment, innovations, and compassion. She also expressed her delight upon learning about the Peer Pipeline Project.

## **PATRICK SOWERS:**

Mr. Sowers expressed his apologies for being tardy. He is pleased to see the progress and updates on the CRC. The VACSB Conference is coming up in May, Mr. Sowers is working on Stephen's availability to be there.

## **VONEKA BENNETT:**

Ms. Bennett thanked Pat Victorson for her presentation and the update on NAMI's community work, she thanked Bernice and for attending tonight's meeting, thanked Jackie for the update on the DD program. Thanked, Robyn for the fee schedule update and Georgia and Sherry for all the work that they do.

## **JOHN O'LEARY:**

Mr. O'Leary enjoyed hearing good news on the CRC. He thanked and congratulated Jackie for changing and evolving over the years to meet the demands of her position.

## **TIMOTHY OSHIKI:**

Mr. Oshiki spoke about the immense inspiration that Pat Victorson brings. He conveyed his deep appreciation for her and highlighted her incredible unique qualities. Additionally, Mr. Oshiki expressed his humility in witnessing Jackie Jackson and her team successfully tackle every challenge that comes their way, which truly reflects her exceptional leadership skills. Mr. Oshiki Emphasized the importance of connecting with individuals who share similar life experiences and highlighted the significance of the Peer Pipeline Project. If there is anything he can do to assist in supporting any of the peer support programs, please feel free to reach out. Lastly, Mr. Oshiki expressed what an honor it is to represent an organization that is doing amazing things.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION 24-03R1-04**

**MOTION:** Carr

**SECOND:** Bayer

**Vote:**

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

Nays--0

Abstained--0

Absent During Vote--

Absent From Meeting--

**Adjourn time: 7:55 p.m.**

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