

FINAL MEETING MINUTES
Alexandria Community Services Meeting
4850 Mark Center Dr. Alexandria, VA
Conference Room #1301
June 1, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Lyman, Chair
Henry Johnson, Vice Chair
Mary Catherine Gibbs
Michele Walz
Krista Oberlander
Brian Marvin
Marybeth Plaskus

Members Absent: Venus Yarbrough (Unexcused)
Abdulahi Abdalla (Excused)

Staff: Phil Caldwell, Center Director for Adult Services, DCHS
Executive Director of the Alexandria Community Services Board
Jennifer Kane, Director of Quality Assurance
Chontelai P. Mendie, Administrative Operations Officer
Erica Vasquez, Management Analyst I

Ms. Lyman called the Board Meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

II. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

Approval of May 11, 2023, Board Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Henry Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Catherine Gibbs, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 11, 2023, Board meetings.

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

Review Board Policies 1 – 10 – Jennifer Kane

- An executive Committee mentioned in official policy - doesn't exist! Alexandria CSB hasn't had one or any sub-committees in a long time.
- Henry's concern with sub-committees is it makes meetings longer without any substantive changes.
- The executive committee would have to be voted in by the board.
- The Chair Mary Lyman wants an executive committee to be formed in case it's needed suddenly. The committee would consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, and a 3rd person.
- Search for bylaws concerning the formation of the Executive Committee, its formation, and requirements.
- Michele Walz - volunteers for the 3rd executive position.

- On a motion by Mr. Henry Johnson, second by Ms. Michele Walz the Board unanimously passed: “Chair/vice chair executive officer on the executive committee, 3rd member would be voted in.”
- CSB= advisory/supervisory board, not an executive board
- Questions about Reimbursement section, including fixing some typos.
- Some people don’t want to use insurance as it would involve their work and could affect security clearances.
- Henry - is pro-single payer healthcare system!
- There are fees you can pay to get treatment at 4850 even if you do have private insurance.
- 4850 charges \$0 to treat under 18-year-olds.
- Voting on these policies will take place in September.

State Performance Contract – Phil

- No budget from the state until June from the state government, which is later than usual. As such, the CSB can’t vote on the State Performance Contract until September.
- Most of the regional project monies (30 million) go to Fairfax County from the state.
- Sarah Taylor is the CSB’s lobbyist for the state. But all NoVa CSBs usually work together to lobby for things from the state.
- Alexandria City has to accept Money before CSB can use it, in cases of grants (federal or otherwise)
- If feds give a 3 year year grant, and the CSB uses it to hire staff, then the 3 years pass, how do you keep paying the staff?
- Only 25 MDs graduated in VA during a recent year
- Do we work w/ Arlington county?
- Yes, closely!
- 20 psychiatric beds at Mt. Vernon inova, but not enough staff to man them all
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IV. BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS/CONCERN

- Deputy Sheriff Captain - Marybeth Plaskus from the Sheriff's Office has joined the CSB board.
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V. EXECUTIVE UPDATES

Adjournment

Having accomplished all items on the published agenda and a motion by Mr. Henry Johnson,

seconded by Ms. Michele Walz, Ms. Lyman adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erica Vasquez