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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT FOR THE BOARD MEETING:**

Patrick Sowers, John O'Leary, Alisa Thornton, Voneka Bennett, Lisa Climer

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT FROM THE BOARD MEETING:**

Bradley Marshall, William Carr, Deanna Bayer, Vicky Castro

**BOARD VACANCY**

City of Manassas Park

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Sherry Bowman, Gina Tamayo - Office of the Executive Director

**Division Managers:**

Valerie Patton – Quality Improvement; Elise Madison – Emergency Services; Tanya Odell – Youth Services; Virginia Heuple – Early Intervention Services

**CS Staff:**

Leslie Quinteros, Alyssa Larsen, LaChondra Everett, Heather Martinsen

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Pat Victorson, NAMI

**PRESS PRESENT:**

None

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Opening: The Regular meeting of the Community Services Board was convened on October 16, 2025, 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**

Ms. Pat Victorson commended all staff for their excellent work on the Crisis Receiving Center Complex Ribbon Cutting Event. She shared information on NAMI's new program, currently being piloted, called Creative Mindsets. Additionally, she shared that NAMI PW completed the first "Compartiendo Esperanza" group with Spanish speaking ladies and received positive feedback. NAMI is working with the health department in the route one corridor to dive deep into the Spanish speaking population's needs and concerns.

## **STAFF TIME**

Virginia Heuple introduced Alyssa Larsen, one of the Early Intervention Program Managers.

Elise Madison highlighted the great job that Princess, The PR Committee, Emergency Services and connections did with the Worth Avenue Crisis Receiving Center Complex Ribbon Cutting. Additionally, Elise shared that Connections has received their adult license for the adult 23 hr. recliners as well as the adult beds, they are just waiting on some finishing touches for them to open.

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **RESOLUTION 25-10R1-01**

**MOTION: Sowers**

**SECOND: O'Leary**

The Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby approve the minutes of September 18, 2025.

### **Vote:**

Ayes--Sowers, O'Leary, Bennett, Thornton

Nays--0

Abstained-- Climer

Absent During Vote-- Carr, Marshall, Bayer, Castro

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## **PRESENTATION: New Horizon's Grant Update-** Heather Martinsen & LaChondra Everett

LaChondra Everett provided an overview of the New Horizons Program, highlighting recent changes, growth, service trends, and grant updates. She reported that New Horizons' Treatment and Recovery and Community-Based programs achieved a 92.4% customer satisfaction score in FY25. The program provided outpatient therapy to 420 youth and their families and delivered

school-based services to 723 high school students across 16 high schools in greater Prince William County. Probation services were provided to 245 youth and their families. In the second year of the SAMHSA System of Care grant, 172 new youth were assessed and served using Evidence-Based Practices.

Heather Martinsen provided an overview of the Wellness and Prevention Program, highlighting initiatives such as Lock & Talk, Gambling and Problem Gambling Prevention, and the Fentanyl Exposed campaign. She reported on extensive community outreach, including trainings offered in English and Spanish and partnerships with local agencies, businesses, and community groups to promote education and awareness. The team distributed 2,033 boxes of naloxone (4,068 doses) an increase from previous years, the team distributed 1,205 Lock & Talk safety devices, and participated in 78 community events.

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

None.

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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Board members Alisa Thornton and Lisa Climer were appointed to write the staff holiday letter.
- B. The following nominations for officers were made by the Nomination Committee:  
John O'Leary – Chair, Voneka Bennett – Vice Chair, Vicky Castro – Secretary
- C. The 2026 CS Board Meeting Calendar was adopted
- D. Report on VACSB Conference – Tabled to next month
- E. Review/Revise Board By-Laws – Table to next month



### Community Services Board Meeting Schedule for 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9:00 PM	Jean McCoy Conference Room
Thursday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9:00 PM	Jean McCoy Conference Room
Thursday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30-9:00 PM	Jean McCoy Conference Room
Thursday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, July 16 <sup>th</sup> (Optional)	6:30-9:00 PM	Jean McCoy Conference Room
<b>August Recess</b>		
Thursday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9:00 PM	Jean McCoy Conference Room
Thursday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9:00 PM	Powell's Creek Conference Room
Thursday, December 10 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)	6:30-9:00 PM	Jean McCoy Conference Room

**Powell's Creek Conference Room is located in the James J. McCoart Building,  
1 County Complex Court, Woodbridge, VA**

**Jean McCoy Conference Room is located at the Sudley North Government Center  
7987 Ashton Avenue Manassas, VA 20109**

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD

## OPEN ITEMS:

None

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S TIME

Absent.

## DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S TIME

Ms. Bowman shared pictures and details of the Crisis Receiving Center Complex Ribbon Cutting. She highlighted that licensing is on track to be finalized very soon. Sherry shared that Community Services is preparing for Lisa Madron to return to CS on December 1, 2025. She gave a shout out to Katanya Goswell, Jacquelyn Brannock, and Jean Thompson who stepped up into temporary assignments.

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## **BOARD MEMBERS' TIME**

### **Alisa THORNTON**

Ms. Thornton expressed her gratitude to Pat Victorson for all the hard work she does with NAMI. Additionally, she shared that she is honored to be on the CS board.

### **LISA CLIMER**

Ms. Climer shared that she attended the ribbon cutting and was very moved and impressed at the work that the whole organization has done.

### **VONEKA BENNETT**

Ms. Bennett shared that she was very excited about the opening. She thanked the New Horizons team for the great presentation and thanked the CS staff for all that they do.

### **JOHN O'LEARY**

Mr. O'Leary thanked everyone for the Ribbon Cutting Event and thanked New Horizons for their presentation.

### **PATRICK SOWERS**

Mr. Sowers expressed his honor to serve as chair this past year and shared that the Crisis Receiving Center Complex Ribbon Cutting was incredible. Additionally, he shared how proud he is about our New Horizons Program. Additionally, he s

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **RESOLUTION 25-10R1-02**

**MOTION: Sowers**

**SECOND: Climer**

### **Vote:**

Ayes-- Sowers, O'Leary, Bennett, Thornton, Climer

Nays--0

Abstained-- 0

Absent—Carr, Bayer, Castro, Marshall

**Adjourn time: 8:00 PM**

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