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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT FOR THE BOARD MEETING:

James Keller, Alisa Thornton, Lisa Climer, Bradley Marshall, Vicky Castro, Voneka Bennett, John O'Leary, Patrick Sowers

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT FROM THE BOARD MEETING:

Deanna Bayer, William Carr

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Madron, Georgia Bachman – Office of the Executive Director

Division Managers:

Elise Madison – Emergency Services; Virginia Heuple – Early Intervention Services; Michael Goodrich – Admin Services; Sara Wheeler – Adult Services; Robyn Fontaine – Finance; Kanchan Clark – Medical Services.

CS Staff:

Leslie Quinteros

GUESTS PRESENT

Paul Richard, FOHT
Roger & JoAnn Rudy, FOHT

PRESS PRESENT:

None

Opening: The Regular meeting of the Community Services Board was convened on December 11, 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.

CITIZEN’S TIME

Vicky Castro spoke on her behalf of Ms. Pat Victorson who was unable to attend tonight’s meeting due to a support group she was hosting. Her message was to wish everybody a very happy holiday and that she is interested in any CRC updates. It was also mentioned that NAMI now has its 5th NAMI on Campus Club now at Colgan High School.

The NAMI on Campus at Woodbridge High School has started a popcorn fundraiser going on for only 4 days starting today. Ms. Castro will email everyone the link for those who are interested in this fundraiser. Half of the profits will go to the students of Woodbridge High School.

STAFF TIME

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 25-12R1-01

MOTION: O’Leary
SECOND: Marshall

The Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby approve the minutes of November 20, 2025.

Vote:

Ayes--Thornton, Climer, Bennett, O’Leary, Sowers, Castro, Keller, Marshall

Nays--0

Abstained--0

Absent During Vote—Bayer, Carr

PRESENTATION: Friends of Horticultural Therapy (FOHT) – Brian Richard

Brian Richard provided the board with an annual update of FOHT, to include the MOU with CSB, Work Plan for CY2026 and Adjusted Master Plan, Phase 1, PWC-DPR. The MOU between CSB of PWC and FOHT from 2011 is now obsolete. A new and updated MOU that was written by PWC attorneys is being reviewed by FOHT attorneys. The work plan is to work alongside Michelle Salzman, the program manager for Vocational Services Program (VSP) to

create opportunities for FOHT to support therapeutic horticultural activities at the Phoenix Center directly. FOHT continues raising funds through solicitations and sales to help support the VSP's activities. They are also recruiting additional board members to help with marketing, communications, etc. Their plan is to work with the Director of Parks and Recreation on developing site and construction design plans for the Shenandoah Park Master Plan, Phase 1. Currently they are facing some safety and cost concerns from the community with the proposed location of the park entrance being off Doug Drive versus off of Bristow Road. They are still working alongside the engineers to plan out the layout for the suggested facilities of this park. FOHT is also working with Coles Managerial District Supervisor, Yesli Vega, to create opportunities to promote the development of horticultural therapy gardens at Shenandoah Park. As of the 30th of November, FOHT reports having a total of \$115,516.45 in the bank. They're hoping to create some Personal/Physical/Social gardens at this new proposed location for the public to enjoy.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Appointment of Committees (By-Laws, Policies & Procedures, Employee of the Quarter)
 - a. By-Laws: William Carr & Voneka Bennett
 - b. Policies & Procedures: James Keller & Lisa Climer
 - c. Employee of the Quarter: John O'Leary & Vicky Castro

OPEN ITEMS:

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S TIME

Lisa Madron expressed how grateful she was to be back in her position of Executive Director and once again thanked both Georgia Bachman and Sherry Bowman for all their hard work these past two years. She asked Elise Madison, the division manager of Emergency Services, to update the board on the CRC complex and to help the board members better understand ES services and how they handle a crisis intervention.

Ms. Madison provided an update on the CRC at Connections, 71 TDOs (temporary detention orders) just in the month of November. Out of these 71 TDOs, the CRC at Connections took 50 individuals. Adult admissions total for all of region 2 were 167 total individuals from opening day through December 3rd. Youth admissions were a total of 6 individuals as of December 3rd. They are still waiting for license for the youth side to allow walk-ins.

Ms. Madron thanked Elise Madison and Heather Baxter for their continued support and the management of the contract with Connections. She also presented all the board members with a legislative packet which includes a list of legislative priorities from the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S TIME

Ms. Bachman just wanted to wish everybody a very happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year. Additionally, she added that she is very excited for a busy 2026 year ahead for the CSB.

BOARD MEMBERS' TIME

PATRICK SOWERS

Mr. Sowers expressed his sincere gratitude to the Board and stated that it was his pleasure to serve as Chairman, recognizing the dedication and hard work shown throughout his two-year tenure. Mr. Sowers expressed his strong support for the organization's mission, noting its positive impact on individuals experiencing mental health crises. He highlighted estimated cost savings to law enforcement and emphasized the importance of providing timely, dignified care that avoids unnecessary criminalization of individuals with mental illness.

JAMES KELLER

Mr. Keller shared that he is very thankful for Christmas time. Not much to report from Manassas Park except that they are hiring and he's looking for more CPS staff and is taking recommendations and if anyone knows anyone interested to please send them his way.

ALISA THORNTON

Ms. Thornton expressed her gratitude to the board and wished everyone Happy Holidays. She also reported that on December 1st she did the CIT training with Patty and she took her granddaughter, Autumn, who spoke and handed out personalized cards to all the officers that were there telling them how much they meant to her. She also reported that she was able to deliver the gifts to the CSB recovery program from her non-profit with support from Lisa and Voneka.

LISA CLIMER

Ms. Climer thanked everyone for the opportunity to be part of this board. She stated that it's really heartwarming to see what a difference the CRC is making in the community. Ms. Climer

wished everyone a very happy holiday season and hopes everyone stays safe and healthy. She's looks forward to continuing working together in this next new year.

BRADLEY MARSHALL

Mr. Marshall welcomed Lisa back and thanked Georgia again for all her great work and leadership these last couple of years. Also thanked his fellow board members for all the work that they do.

VICKY CASTRO

Ms. Castro expressed her gratitude for all the hard work that's being done with the CRC and how this is impacting the way providers can care for their clients without struggling to find help for them across the state. She also mentioned how much she has learned from all the presentations throughout this year. Gave a shout-out to Wendy Hunt from Wellness & Prevention for her QPR training. She also wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

VONEKA BENNETT

Ms. Bennett shared that yesterday she was able to present the Employee of the Quarter award to Lindsey Hanner. Additionally, Ms. Bennett wished everyone happy holidays and looks forward to spending time with her family.

JOHN O'LEARY

Mr. O'Leary wished everyone happy holidays. Lastly, he gave a special thanks to Mr. Sowers for being chairman for the past two years and all his hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

No motion

Adjourn time: 7:49 PM
