



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

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

Lisa Climer, Bradley Marshall, Vicky Castro, John O’Leary, Patrick Sowers

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

Deanna Bayer, William Carr, James Keller, Alisa Thornton, Voneka Bennett

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Lisa Madron, Georgia Bachman, Gina Tamayo – 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; Valerie Patton – Quality Improvement; Tanya Odell – Youth Services

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Ansar Ali Shand

**PRESS PRESENT:**

None

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Opening: The Regular meeting of the Community Services Board was convened on January 15, 2026, at 6:34 p.m. in Jean McCoy Conference room at the Sudley North Government Center 7987 Ashton Avenue Manassas, VA 20109.

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## **CITIZEN’S TIME**

Vicky Castro on behalf of Pat Victorson shared that, as many are aware, on Tuesday SAMHSA canceled approximately \$2 billion in grant funding for mental health and substance use services. No clear explanation was provided, which caused significant concern across the field. As of yesterday, the decision was reversed and the funding was reinstated. However, there remains considerable uncertainty within the mental health field, particularly regarding substance use services.

## **STAFF TIME**

None

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**RECOGNITION:** Retirement – Ansar Ali Shand

### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the residents of  
Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park  
the Prince William County Community Services Board honors

**Ansar Ali Shand**

With great respect and sincere appreciation, we honor your **27 years** of outstanding service to Prince William County Community Services.

You joined Community Services on June 29, 1998, as the Administrative Division’s Reimbursement and Business Operations Manager. From the beginning, you willingly accepted responsibilities beyond your defined role, consistently excelling and inspiring all who had the privilege of working with you. Widely respected and admired throughout the Commonwealth, your expertise in reimbursement earned you recognition as a true subject matter expert. While Community Services evolved over the years, your tireless energy and unwavering commitment never wavered. It was always clear that the clients and staff of Community Services were your highest priority.

Your career with Community Services has been exemplary—marked by professionalism, strong leadership and management, collaboration, and a steadfast dedication to advancing the agency as a high-performing organization. You have been a driving force behind many of the agency’s reimbursement successes, directly benefiting Prince William County residents. That legacy will endure, and your contributions will continue to shape the future of Community Services.

You will always remain a valued and cherished member of our Community Services family.

**RECOGNITION:** Retirement – Virginia Heuple

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the residents of  
Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park  
the Prince William County Community Services Board honors

**Virginia Heuple**

With great respect and sincere appreciation for your **33 years** of outstanding service with Prince William County Community Services.

You joined Community Services in September of 1993 as a Physical Therapist with the Early Intervention program. Seven years later, in 2000 you were promoted to a supervisory position, and seven years after that, in 2007 you were promoted to Program Manager. As PM, you led the Early Intervention program through significant expansion and change for 16 years as it grew into the second largest Infant and Toddler Connection in Virginia, serving over 1,000 children annually in recent years. You chaired committees throughout the region and the state, were appointed by two governors to represent EI providers on the Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council and are widely known and respected as an expert in your field.

In 2023 you were promoted to Division Manager over the newly developed Early Intervention Division. Your leadership and meticulous planning have ensured that the Early Intervention programs will continue to thrive. Your expertise, dedication, and persistence have been hallmarks of an exemplary career, defined by outstanding leadership, advocacy, collaboration, and professionalism. Community Services has changed immensely during your tenure, but your commitment and passion have never wavered in serving the clients and families of the Early Intervention programs. That legacy is one in which your contributions will last for the future of Community Services.

You will always remain a valued and cherished member of our Community Services family.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 26-01R1-01**

**MOTION: O’Leary**

**SECOND: Marshall**

The Prince William County Community Services Board does hereby approve the minutes of December 11, 2025.

**Vote:**

Ayes—Climer, Marshall, Sowers, Castro, O’Leary

Nays--0

Abstained--0

Absent During Vote—Bayer, Carr, Thornton, Keller, Bennett

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**PRESENTATION: CHES Health eRecovery – Sara Wheeler**

Sara Wheeler shared an initiative that CS has been piloting since August and has shown positive results. The eRecovery program, through CHES Health, offers apps such as Connections and the Companion App, which provide 24/7 access to certified peer support specialists for individuals in recovery from substance use disorders, mental health needs, and their families. The Connections app is available to individuals that are receiving services at CS and to the general public within the Greater Prince William area. A Spanish-language version of the app is also available. In addition, CHES Health offers the Companion app, which is designed to support family members and loved ones of individuals in recovery.

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**A. Policy and Procedure Update – Valerie Patton**

Valerie shared updates to the Policy and Procedure Manual, including General Policies – CS Code of Ethical Behavior and Part II Administrative Services, Article 6 Reimbursement. There were no questions and the board agreed with the updates.

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**OPEN ITEMS:**

None

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### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S TIME**

Lisa Madron thanked the board members for completing the board survey and reported that the board is in compliance with the required board composition. She provided the board with the annual VACSB report that includes Prince William County. Lisa informed the board that the CRC has served 345 unique adults and 41 unique youth between October 28, 2025, through January 6, 2026. She thanked Tanya and Robyn for their hard work in planning to communicate with staff regarding the termination of the SAMHSA grant; she noted that the decision was later rescinded. Lastly, Lisa informed the board that the County Attorney's Office will attend the February board meeting to provide board members with a presentation on conflict of interest and FOIA.

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

Ms. Bachman reported that she spent the past three days attending a Behavioral Health Docket training, which she found to be highly energizing. She noted that the training was exceptionally well designed and functioned more as a working group to put forward this application, with a target submission date of April. Georgia will keep the board updated on progress.

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### **BOARD MEMBERS' TIME**

#### **LISA CLIMER**

Mrs. Climer wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed her appreciation for today's presentation. She noted the many innovative initiatives in the county and the wide range of service options available to residents. Mrs. Climer shared her enthusiasm for the Behavioral Health Docket and stated that she looks forward to the upcoming year on the board.

#### **BRADLEY MARSHALL**

Mr. Marshall shared his appreciation for the Connections app presented today. He mentioned he recently saw a presentation on the Behavioral Health Docket for the first time and has several questions. He requested to be kept informed regarding developments on the Community Services side and expressed interest in a future presentation to the Community Services board once plans are more concrete. Lastly, he shared that he is looking forward to the VACSB conference next week and will provide a report at the next meeting.

#### **PATRICK SOWERS**

Mr. Sowers thanked Sara Wheeler for her presentation and noted that he enjoyed it. He requested the total numbers for the CRC's first 60 days. He also shared that he is looking forward to traveling to Richmond to discuss legislation at the VACSB conference.

#### **VICKY CASTRO**

Mrs. Castro thanked Sara Wheeler for her presentation and shared that she is impressed with Community Services in general. She noted that earlier today she presented "Ending the Silence" to 46 Woodbridge senior high school students through the NAMI on Campus group. She

described the session as engaging and emphasized the significant need for this program. Lastly, she shared that she looks forward to learning more about the board.

**JOHN O'LEARY**

Mr. O'Leary congratulated Ansar and Ginny for their combined service of over 50 years, thanked Sara for her presentation, and wished everyone attending the VACSB conference good luck. He also requested that a discussion regarding board member logo shirts and name tags be added to the "Open Items" section of next month's agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**No motion**

**Adjourn time: 7:49 PM**

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