

February 18, 2020

The Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board (CSB), held their February 18, 2020 Board meeting at the Chesapeake Bank Training Room in Kilmarnock, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Darryl Pirok	Alice Coates
Kathryn Knoeller	Rosalyn Trent
Pratt Haynie	David Parr
Melissa Kenney	

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Tim Doss
Stanley Langford
Edith Turner

STAFF PRESENT

Chuck Walsh, Executive Director
Yvonne Wingrove, CFO
Kathy Phillips, Dir. of Early Intervention Services
Emily Eanes, Dir. of Youth and Family Services
Larry Kight, Operations Manager
Gail Slaughter, Administrative Assistant
Perryann Whitehurst, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Pirok called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Guests – Mr. Walsh introduced Larry Kight, CSB Operations Manager, Emily Eanes, CSB Director of Youth and Family Services, and Ann Kelley, Special Education Resource Specialist with Lancaster County Schools.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Additions to the Agenda – Mr. Walsh noted that he had some updated budget information that he would speak about during his report.

Minutes – Ms. Coates moved approval of the minutes from the December 17, 2019 Board meeting. Mr. Haynie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairperson Comments - Dr. Pirok said that Mr. Doss had conducted a tour of the Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center for the Rotary Club. He said that the Open Tables Project helps avoid

recidivism. He recommended that each Board member get a copy of the book *The Therapeutic Community* by George De Leon.

Executive Directors Report –

Open Table – Mr. Walsh explained that the Open Table project started in Arizona with a United Methodist men's group. Dr. Pirok noted that there would be an Open Tables meeting this coming Wednesday 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Bay Transit building in Gloucester.

HUD Projects – Mr. Walsh explained that congregate living is not popular now. Permanent supportive housing is more favorable. He said that there is money for permanent supportive housing coming down. He explained that HUD just covers some rent and some maintenance. The CSB provides staff for the HUD projects at our cost.

Therapeutic Community – Mr. Walsh said that we had this is the Northern Neck Regional Jail in the past. We were in the jail five days a week, 8 hours a day. Over the years the program diminished. We are writing another grant for the Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center. We were also recently awarded a \$130,000 grant. Mr. Walsh said that there is a medication – vitriol – that is an opioid blocker. Vitriol works for 30 days, which gives times to link inmates to CSB services.

Therapeutic Day Treatment Program – This CSB program is being downsized, basically because of MCOs not authorizing services. This will cost the counties more money, as this program kept kids out of private day placement. When we provide Therapeutic Day Treatment services, it doesn't cost the county or the school. Mr. Walsh said he has sent letters to CSA Coordinators, school coordinators and County Administrators.

Governors' Budget – Mr. Walsh said that he was not as optimistic as he had been. The Part C rate increase has not gone anywhere. We didn't get the amount requested to complete the outpatient step of STEP VA. Mr. Walsh asked that Board members advocate if they have contacts on the money committees.

Recovery Response Team - This CSB has a big CoOp (Peer Recovery) program. Under this program, we are going to begin to have Recovery Response Teams. This involves peers connecting with overdose survivors in area emergency rooms.

Strategic Plan – Mr. Walsh noted that there are basic tenants that we follow, but we are finding that we need to change on a dime with funding, etc.

Dash Board – Board members received the dash board in their mailout package. This report now has a different look. The report that Board members received is from November. It is a Performance Contract requirement that Board members are shown the dash board.

Finance Committee – Mr. Walsh said that at the December Board meeting, he reported on the shortage of DSPs and the cost of overtime. He had asked the Board for approval of an emergency plan over the holidays. When the Finance Committee met on January 13, they discussed these issues. Mr. Walsh presented a plan of converting 21 vacant full time DSP positions to part time with no benefits and increasing the wage from \$8 an hour to \$12 an hour. Any current staff member under \$12 an hour

would be brought up to \$12. After discussion, the Finance Committee moved approval of the plan presented by Mr. Walsh.

Facilities Committee - The Facilities Committee had not met. Mr. Kight was in attendance today to give an update on the EVB Project. Ms. Wingrove said we are calling these projects Tappahannock 1 and Tappahannock 2.

Mr. Kight explained that Properties, Inc. had purchased 2 former EVB buildings awhile back. It was a good deal for us. We worked with USDA to get a low interest loan. We advertised for general contractors and bids were due January 22. USDA wanted us to get a short term loan until we got to the construction process. We only had two bids come in. Even with going with the lowest bid and removing doing the parking lot, we are approximately \$205,096 short. Mr. Kight has met with the lowest bidder to discuss areas we can cut. Time is of the essence. The Leadership Team will meet to come up with a plan that Mr. Walsh will get out to the Board.

Mr. Walsh said that we still have Kilmarnock House for sale. We also just had the donated land appraised.

Community Advocacy Committee – This Committee had not met.

Human Resources Committee – This Committee had not met.

Executive Committee – This Committee had not met.

Appointing Community Member to Properties, Inc. – Mr. Walsh said that Ms. Belinda Johnson, who was the Westmoreland County CSA Coordinator, has agreed to serve on the Properties, Inc. Board. Ms. Knoeller moved nominating Belinda Johnson to serve as a community member on the Properties, Inc. Board. Mr. Haynie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Board Member Comments -

Mr. Parr said that the CSB was so helpful and responsive when an individual inquired about services.

Other – Mr. Walsh said that over the years, the CSB has had a great relationship with Lancaster County Schools.

Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be held on April 21, 2020.

Adjourn – There being no further business, Ms. Coates moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Parr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Gail Slaughter
Recorder