



Arlington County Community Services Board
Executive Committee Meeting



March 6, 2023
2100 Washington Boulevard
Lower Level Room A

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 pm
Hybrid In-Person/Virtual (via Microsoft Teams)

Present: Joe Klem, Paul Kalchbrenner, Steve Gallagher, Cherie Takemoto, Wendy Crawford, Jenette O’Keefe

Virtual: Asha Patton-Smith (Travel-work)

Staff Present: Ollie Russell, Kelly Mauller

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Crawford welcomed the members to the meeting.

Review & Approval of the February 6, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes

Chair Crawford called for a motion to approve the February 6, 2023 ACCSB Executive Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Klem motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

Budget Update

Mr. Russell provided a brief update about the County budget. Deborah Warren, DHS Deputy Director, and Anita Friedman, DHS Director will present the DHS budget proposal to the County Board during the County Budget Work Session scheduled for March 9th. DHS is fortunate in that budget reductions were minimal.

County Budget Timeline:

- The County Manager’s budget will be brought before the County Board on February 21st
- The County Budget Work Session, that includes DHS, will be held on March 9th
- The County Public Budget Hearing will be held on March 28th
- The County Public Tax Rate Hearing will be held on March 30th
- The School Budget Hearing will be held on March 31st
- The County Board will vote on their budget in late April

Chair Report

Chair Crawford opened a discussion about the CSB/County Board budget meetings. She asked about the process for attending the meetings. Ms. Mauller responded that the Committee Chairs and/or members of the subcommittees are welcome to present the CSB budget priorities. There should be representation from each area of disability. The committees will need to develop talking points. The CSB does not have any monetary requests for FY24 and discussed speaking about future needs. In the past, the CSB has presented future FY needs to the County Board. The committee Chairs will speak with their staff liaisons to assist in developing talking points. The members will send their talking points to Ms. Mauller prior to the March 15th full board meeting, where they will be further discussed.

The CSB/County Board budget meetings will be virtual and are scheduled as follows:

- March 22nd: Takis Karantonis 1:00 – 2:00
- March 23rd: Matt de Ferranti and Libby Garvey 1:00 – 2:00
- March 24th: Christian Dorsey and Katie Cristol 2:00 – 3:00

Executive Director Report

- Mr. Russell provided an update about the VHC Health expansion.
 - Community engagements have been held
 - An interim meeting was held between VHC Health and the VHC Working Group
 - The timeline for completion, over the next six months, remains challenging for the Certificate of Public Need (COPN), the site plans and submit a proposal to the County Manager
 - Adrian Stanton, VHC Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, will meet with Dean Montgomery, Executive Director Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia, to discuss the COPN process and the need for additional psychiatric beds
 - Another challenge is the previously agreed upon site plan conditions and the Intensive Outpatient Program plans (IOP)
 - Another interim meeting between VHC Health and the VHC Working Group is scheduled for March 17th
 - Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Russell provided a history of the negotiations between VHC Health, DHS staff and the VHC working group. Negotiations continue.
 - Mr. Klem asked about the compressed timeline of six months. Mr. Russell responded that, if the COPN is not completed by the current timeline of August, the next cycle for approval would be in January, which would delay completion of the project.
- Mr. Russell provided an update about substance use in adolescents.
 - Since January there has been an increase in overdoses and there has been one overdose death
 - Arlington Public Schools (APS) has conducted numerous awareness trainings and is collaborating with school counselors and families
 - Emily Siqveland, Behavioral Health Supervisor, who oversees NarCan training, was recently interviewed on CBS News and received an award from the County
 - A lot of the adolescents are only 13 to 15-years old
 - Mr. Kalchbrenner stated that he attended three school community events about substance use last week. Substance use counselors presented. He was interviewed by local news after one of the events. Yorktown is hosting another event on March 9th with presenters from Chicago.
 - Chair Crawford reported that NarCan distribution boxes are being installed in the schools. The target completion date is the end of March.

Additional Information

- Mr. Kalchbrenner commented that Ms. Warren is working on developing a regional project grant from the Office of the Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA). He stated that he spoke with OAA last week and learned that, overall for the entire State, the funding would be \$14 - \$15 million. He also spoke with the Founder and Executive Director of Loudoun Serenity House, which has two locations in Loudoun County. She is proposing adding a third house. The grant application is due May 5th.
- Mr. Kalchbrenner reported that the Commonwealth Attorney's Office is working with the fire departments to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for the Safe Station Program.

- Ms. Patton-Smith reported that the Child any Youth Committee is still developing their talking points for the CSB/County Board budget meetings.
- Mr. Klem reported that the Mental Health Committee continues to focus on housing. A draft proposal was submitted to the committee, which was approved. The proposal will be brought before the CSB Full Board for discussion and possible approval at the April 19th meeting. The proposal is as follows:

When Arlington County is developing a scope of work (SOW) for a request for proposals (RFP) to procure contracts for the delivery or operation of services or facilities on behalf of the ACCSB, the ACCSB Chair will appoint a member of the ACCSB to work with Arlington County staff to review and comment on the proposed SOW before it is issued as part of the FRP

- Ms. Takemoto stated that the Developmental Disabilities Committee has also discussed the SOW/RFP process. The committee is still developing talking points for the CSB/County Board budget meetings. Performance Measurements will be discussed at the May meeting. An employment services listen and learn session will be held on April 4th. Seven employment vendors have been invited to speak.

Upcoming Items for CSB Full Board Meeting on March 15, 2023

- Brian Bickers, Management Analyst, and Rudbel Alfaro, Administrative Officer, will present mid-year data for the State Performance Contract (SPC).
- The members will review policies ACCSB-2 Populations Receiving ACCSB Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and Developmental Disability Services and policy ACCSB-3 Policy and Procedure Definitions.
- The members will discuss the Committee's talking points for the CSB/County Board budget meetings.
- Chair Crawford will ask for any Committee reports and/or staff updates.

Adjournment

Chair Crawford called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Takemoto motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Mauller