

EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
Minutes
February 14, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Eastern Shore Community Services Board was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at the Administration office, 24233 Lankford Highway, Tasley, VA 23441.

Members Present:

Ms. Eve Belote
Mr. Andre Elliott
Mr. Richard Freeman
Dr. Peggy Shaeffer-Conference call
Ms. Pam Thornes-Conference call
Ms. Janet Turner
Ms. Roxane Ward
Ms. Cynthia Wilder

Others Present:

Ms. Lisa Sedjat, Executive Director
Ms. Sharon Jones, Director of Finance and Administration
Ms. Molly Walker, Director of Clinical Services & QI
Ms. Barbara James, Office Services Specialist

Absent:

Mr. Rick Hubbard

Ms. Belote, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Approval of Minutes –

Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes. Ms. Turner seconded, and they were approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Finance Director's Report –

Ms. Jones referenced the board report that is appended herewith. There was discussion.

Public Comment –

There was none.

Items Requiring Board Action –

There was none.

Executive Director –

Ms. Sedjat referenced the board report that is appended herewith.

Ms. Sedjat stated the Northampton County Opioid Abatement Settlement proposal focuses on increasing community awareness of how to access services via advertising.

Ms. Sedjat stated the Prevention Office has scheduled a “Mobile Unit Town Hall Tour” beginning in the Town of Keller in March, 2023. The focus of the Town Hall Tour is to engage communities at the local level as well as Town Administrators to promote our services and expand utilization.

Ms. Sedjat stated the ESCSB has been asked to consult with Henrico CSB who is in the planning stages of developing a Mobile Unit. We have also been asked to bring the Mobile Unit to the May VACSB in Norfolk and be one of the presenters for the conference.

Ms. Sedjat went over Ms. Jones and her concerns about the roll out of the Federal Reimbursement process.

Ms. Sedjat went over the funding snafus on the part of DBHDS regarding SOR III Prevention funds.

Ms. Sedjat stated professional cleaning service began in January. Several compliments have been received from staff in all facilities about the improvement of the cleanliness of the buildings.

Ms. Sedjat went over the PBHC renovations.

Ms. Sedjat stated she attended the virtual session of the Opioid Abatement Public Listening session. There was discussion.

Ms. Sedjat went over Region 5 Utilization of the Safety Net Bed and LIPOS Resource Assessment. There was discussion.

Ms. Sedjat stated there would be a budget meeting in May.

Ms. Sedjat stated Monday, February 20, 2023 there would be a tour of the sites for the board members meeting at Parksley Behavioral Healthcare in Parksley, VA. at 9:00 am. Ms. Sedjat passed out a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy.

Disability Program Reports-

Clinical Services and Quality Improvement –

Ms. Walker referenced the board report that is appended herewith.

Ms. Walker stated she assisted in the development of telehealth only clinical positions and successfully hired two new clinicians that will be exclusively telehealth.

Ms. Walker stated two additional clinicians (one internal hire and one external hire) that will be onsite.

Ms. Walker stated there is a tentative plan to lift MHOP cap in March, 2023. There was discussion.

Ms. Walker stated she participated in “On Call” meeting which is a telehealth driven platform that is integrated into our EHR system.

Ms. Walker stated the case management program has a census of 363 MH/SA Case Management clients.

Ms. Walker stated the Clubhouse is going well.

Ms. Walker stated Randy Smith’s program is working on affordable housing for clients. There was discussion.

Prevention-

Ms. Sedjat referenced the board report that is appended herewith.

Developmental Services –

Ms. Sedjat referenced the board report that is appended herewith.

Human Resources –

Ms. Sedjat referenced the board report that is appended herewith.

IT Director –

Ms. Sedjat referenced the board report that is appended herewith.

Old Business –

There was none.

New Business –

There was none.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Ward seconded. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Barbara James, Recording Secretary
These minutes are subject to full Board Approval.