

COLONIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 6, 2022

PLACE: Colonial Behavioral Health, 473 McLaws Circle, Williamsburg, VA 23185

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Sheri Newcomb – York County
Ms. Hazel Braxton- Williamsburg
Mr. John Collins- York County
Mr. Reynaldo Carpio- York County
Ms. Wendy Evans- Williamsburg
Ms. Denise Kirschbaum-James City County
Ms. Kristen Nelson – York County
Ms. Erin Otis- James City County
Ms. Donyale Wells – James City County
Col. Roy Witham – James City County

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ryan Ashe- James City County
Dr. Alfred Brassel- York County
Ms. Crystal Howser – Poquoson
Mr. Steven Miller- York County
Ms. Sherry Wharton – Poquoson

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. David Coe
Ms. Linda Butler
Mr. Dan Longo
Ms. Marsha Obremski
Ms. Nancy Parsons
Ms. Ashleigh Cooke

GUESTS:

Karen Siracusa- League of
Women Voters

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment, however Ms. Karen Siracusa entered the meeting at approximately 4:15 p.m.; no introduction was made.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The Consent Calendar was presented for approval of the following minutes:

- Board Meeting of August 2, 2022

Ms. Hazel Braxton motioned to approve the meeting minutes listed above as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Collins and passed unanimously.

The following questions were not on the consent agenda, but were presented to the Board by Mr. David Coe:

Q1: Would the Board like to resume monthly meetings at 473 McLaws Circle?

Q2: Would the Board like to make masks optional during meetings?

Ms. Hazel Braxton motioned to move meetings back to 473 McLaws; the motion was seconded by Mr. John Collins and passed unanimously.

Mr. John Collins motioned to make masks optional during Board of Directors meetings, effective immediately. Ms. Hazel Braxton seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Presentation: ACT Services- Theresa Pritchard:

Ms. Theresa Pritchard, ACT Coordinator, presented a PowerPoint on the ACT Program. Discussion.

Action Items:

• **Action Item A-1- 2023 Legislative Priorities:**

Board members inquired about why the Conference Committee referenced in the Background information presented did not include funding for CSB's as anticipated. Per David, the Committee did not feel they had enough information from CSB's about what was needed; there was enough information to show there was a problem, but not enough to show solutions.

Board members also inquired about whether or not we have a lobbyist; per Mr. Coe, we do.

Board members inquired about start-up costs vs. ongoing costs for the Crisis Continuum Expansion; the question was asked if funding will be available from the state on an ongoing basis. Mr. Coe is hopeful that funding will be ongoing, once available.

Board members also inquired about why the Crisis Center Expansion is only a 23-hour program, vs. 24-hours. Mr. Coe explained that we are not able to maintain anything past 23 hours; as it would require residential licensure (which we do not have).

Mr. Coe proposed that the Board take on the 3 Legislative Priorities, as presented. Ms. Wendy Evans made a motion to approve the "Suggested Action" in the Board packet, Ms. Hazel Braxton seconded the motion; it was passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report:

The Executive Directors Report was provided in writing and distributed to Board Members. Discussion.

The following items were also presented in addition to written report:

- Board Members were reminded of the group home tour scheduled for September 28th. They were provided with details regarding transportation to the group home.

Adjournment:

Ms. Denise Kirschbaum made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. John Collins. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on October 4th.



Ms. Sheri Newcomb, Vice-Chair



Hazel Braxton, Secretary