

COLONIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Executive Director's Report – February 2026

Agency Issues

1. Construction of the Center for Support & Wellness continues to progress on schedule as of January 24th. Impacts from the winter storm are still being assessed at the time of this report.
2. The VACSB Annual Legislative Conference was held January 20-21 in Richmond. We appreciate that Bruce Keener was able to attend on January 20th. The VACSB Training & Development Conference is scheduled for May 6-8, also in Richmond.
3. York County's Financial Services staff are providing valuable and welcome support to our Finance staff while our Finance Director position is vacant. We are also engaging a temporary, part-time Budget Advisor, and arranging for a professional recruitment firm to assist with our search. We are extremely grateful for their support.

Community Issues

1. CBH Family Support Specialist Jacque Vuz has invested a great deal of personal time to develop a “NAMI on Campus” group in partnership with William & Mary students. NAMI on Campus is not affiliated with NAMI, but decisions are still coordinated with the NAMI Williamsburg chapter. It is hoped that this effort can be replicated at VPCC.
2. The deadline for responses to our RFP for predevelopment work for Phase 2 of construction on the new campus was 12/15/25. Four (4) proposals were received and are currently being evaluated. Submitted proposals are available at <https://www.colonialbh.org/about-us/procurement/>. A Public Hearing is required at least 30 days prior to awarding an Interim Agreement and is scheduled to be held during the February Executive Committee meeting on February 17th.
3. We are currently setting up times to present CBH's work to each of our localities. At this time, we are presenting as follows (Williamsburg is planned, but no date set):
 - a. February 9 7:00 PM Poquoson City Council
 - b. February 24 1:00 PM JCC Board of Supervisors
 - c. March 3 6:00 PM York County Board of Supervisors

Public Policy

1. We are pleased to announce that Senator McDougle submitted a budget amendment for \$10 million to support Phase 2 of our building project. In the House of Delegates, Delegate Anderson submitted a budget amendment for the same amount and project. We are grateful to both. Senator McDougle is our “lead” in this effort.
2. It is difficult to project outcomes for CSBs and for those we serve in this General Assembly session, with both a new General Assembly and a new Administration.
3. The new DBHDS Commissioner came directly from Fairfax-Falls Church CSB and is friendly to the system of care. A new DMAS Director has not yet been appointed.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Coe