

FINAL MEETING MINUTES
Alexandria Community Services Meeting
4850 Mark Center Dr. Alexandria, VA
Conference Room #1301
October 12, 2023 – 6:30 pm

Members Present: Mary Lyman, Chair
Henry Johnson, Vice Chair
Michele Walz
Erica Hamilton
Brian Marvin
Ian Ring
Luisa Lancetti

Members Absent: Abdulahi Abdalla (Excused)
Venus Yarbrough (Unexcused)
Krista Oberlander (Excused)
Marybeth Plaskus (Excused)
Mary Catherine Gibbs (Excused)

Staff: Phil Caldwell, Center Director for Adult Services, DCHS
Executive Director of the Alexandria Community Services Board
Chontelai Patterson-Mendie, Administrative Operations Officer
Raphael Obenwa, Chief Fiscal Officer
Sharon Vaughan-Roach, Center Director for Operations
Erica Vasquez, Management Analyst I
Celestine Chew, Admin Support Supervisor

Ms. Lyman called the Board Meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

II. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 7, 2023, Board meeting. On a motion by Mary Lyman. Mr. Henry Johnson seconded, and all Board members were in favor.
- Henry Johnson volunteered for the Commission on HIV/AIDS in Alexandria.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Mr. Caldwell introduced a new member of the Board, Erica Hamilton. She works for the Federal Government. She joined the Board because she was interested in volunteering.
- Mr. Raphael Obenwa discussed the budget. Positions are budgeted for the year.

- Ian Ring gave a presentation for Friends of Mental Health. He explained who FMH helps and how they help with things such as paying rent and paying for client's medication. They take requests from Social Workers.
- CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) was visiting 3 CSB programs (Day Support, Medication Assisted Treatment and Vocational Services) October 11-12,2023, for the triannual recertification review.
- The Ethics Annual Review will take place in October 2023
- The Marcus Alert may be implemented sooner than originally anticipated.

IV. BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS /CONCERNS

- Mary Lyman and Michele Walz shared their experiences at the VACSB Roanoke conference.
- Mr. Phillip Caldwell mentioned the CSB state meeting will be in January. The discussion will be about policies.

Adjournment

Having accomplished all items on the published agenda, and on a motion by Mr. Henry Johnson, seconded by Ms. Michele Walz, Ms. Lyman adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Celestine Chew