

MEETING MINUTES

Alexandria Community Services Meeting

4850 Mark Center Dr. Alexandria, VA

Conference Room #1301

May 9, 2024 – 6:30 pm

Members Present: Mary Lyman, Chair
Michele Walz
Ian Ring
Brian Marvin
Marybeth Plaskus
Abdulahi Abdalla
Luisa Lancetti
Marjorie Leong Greenberg

Members Absent: Erica Hamilton (Unexcused)
Krista Oberlander (Excused)
Mary Catherine Gibbs (Excused)

Staff: Phillip Caldwell, Center Director for Adult Services, DCHS
Chontelai Patterson-Mendie, Administrative Operations Officer
Jennifer Kane, Director of Quality Assurance
Celestine Chew, Admin Support Supervisor

Ms. Lyman called the Board Meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were three people from the public in attendance, who did not have any comments.

II. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of April 4, 2024, Board Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Marjorie L. Greenberg, seconded by Ms. Luisa Lancetti, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 4, 2024, Board meeting.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Ms. Kane discussed the Death/Serious Injury Report for January, February, and March 2024. Level-one injuries, and care concerns are discussed at the Safety Committee. There were some falls in the MH/DD group homes. Some falls didn't require medical attention. The number of clients declining medications has improved. Med errors peaked in the MH group homes. Staff can be disciplined for repeat errors. There was one death (the client had medical complexity) in the ACT program and one suicide attempt; the client did recover.

- Two board members attending the VACSB conference in Norfolk, Ms. Greenberg, and Mr. Abdalla. They both reported the conference was very enlightening.
- Ms. Lyman stated the final City budget was passed and that the staff shortage was addressed at the Council meeting and in the final budget.
- Mr. Phillip Caldwell will be evaluated by the Board. Evaluation forms will be sent to the board by Celestine Chew.
- Mr. Caldwell stated the Budget meeting went well and there will be no service cuts.
- Money was given back to the Marcus Alert. Two positions were paid for by the Marcus Alert funds.
- Mr. Caldwell will be on the docket to represent DCHS at the Council meeting on June 25th.
- The Latino American Conference is in August. Several staff will be attending and doing onsite interviews for hiring CM and Therapists.
- In June and September Board policies will be reviewed.
- The visit from the Feds on May 8th went well. They were interested in the SOAR and MAT Programs. They asked basic questions and were impressed with the programs.

Adjournment

Having accomplished all items on the published agenda and on a motion by Ms. Michelle Walz and, seconded by Mr. Brian Marvin, Ms. Lyman adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Celestine Chew