

CHESAPEAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2009

PRESENT

Mr. Richard Losea, Chair
Darin Ely, Vice Chair
Mr. John Sulfaro, Secretary
Ms. Janice Hudgins, Member-at-Large
Mr. Jeffrey Coleman
Mrs. Peggy Crutchfield
Dr. Diane Martin
Dr. Toney L. McNair, Jr.
Ms. Joyce Nyhaug
Ms. Lillie M. Scott
Mr. Frank Williams

ABSENT

Mr. William Pierce

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. George Ennels, Mental Health/Substance Abuse Program Director
Mrs. Brenda McGee, Mental Retardation Program Director
Ms. Rosemary Mills, Assistant Director
Mr. Joe Scislowicz, Executive Director
Dr. Jeff Shelton, Mental Health/Substance Abuse Administrator
Ms. Lisa Vanlandingham, Fiscal Administrator
Ms. Debra Waters, Quality Assurance Administrator

GUESTS

Mr. Linberg Hodges

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Losea called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mr. Losea.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Hudgins moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Losea amended the agenda as follows: (1) a presentation by Mr. Scislowicz was added to the other section; (2) a reminder was added to the announcement section; and (3) a discussion of the Agency Report was added to the regular agenda section.

Ms. Hudgins withdrew her original motion and moved to approve the agenda as amended.
Dr. Martin seconded and all present voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Nyhaug moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008 meeting as presented.
Mr. Sulfaro seconded and all present voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Hodges indicated he would like to make comments regarding the closing of Southeastern Virginia Training Center at a later time during the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Joyce Nyhaug and Ms. Lillie M. Scott, newly appointed members of the Board of Directors, were introduced to the staff and other board members.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Vanlandingham reviewed the financial report which contains data through the end of November 2008. Available excess revenue is approximately \$396,000. Mr. Losea requested clarification on the accounts receivable aging analysis which shows 2,192% unbilled.

REGULAR AGENDA / AGENCY REPORT

A. OCTOBER 2009 BOARD MEETING

The October meeting is scheduled for Monday October 12th which is the day the City will observe Columbus Day. Dr. Martin moved the Board reschedule the meeting to October 5th. Some Board members had conflicts. The Board decided by consensus to hold the meeting on Monday October 19th.

B. VIRGINIA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FOUNDATION AWARD

The Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation awarded the CSB \$38,817 over three years to facilitate a tobacco prevention program for intermediate and middle school aged children. Mr. Ely moved the Board accept the grant from the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation. Mr. Sulfaro seconded and all present voted in favor.

C. BUDGET UPDATE

When the Governor released his proposed budget it did not call for additional cuts to CSBs. There are areas related to Medicaid that could affect the budget. These are being monitored, and the Board will be updated as information becomes available. The most troubling piece of the proposed budget is the closure of two facilities, including Southeastern Virginia Training Center.

D. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER

CSB Executive Directors are concerned with how quickly the facility is scheduled to close. The State has approximately \$24 million in capital improvement money available to develop alternative living facilities for the residents of SEVTC. The State has recommended that CSBs start the process for property procurement.

Mr. Hodges indicated that there is significant community support to keep the facility open. Working with other parent groups he collected 10,000 signatures on a petition to keep the facility open.

E. PRESENTATION ON DOWNSIZING INPATIENT FACILITIES

Mr. Scislowicz reviewed material that was presented to members of the General Assembly in December outlining the concerns of CSBs. CSBs were given \$6.3 million in 2004 to build community infrastructure to offset the effects of the downsizing of Eastern State Hospital. No additional funds have been provided, and the State continues with its plan for further downsizing.

The Colonial CSB Board of Directors developed the following statement regarding the closure of Southeastern Virginia Training Center:

“As the conditions for supporting any facility downsizing stated in our moratorium have not been met, the Colonia Services Board will not support the closure of SEVTC. We will work with SEVTC staff and consumer families to facilitate discharges as they make sense.”

Dr. McNair moved that the Chesapeake CSB support the stance taken by the Colonial CSB regarding the closure of Southeastern Virginia Training Center. Ms. Crutchfield seconded and all present voted in favor.

The Board instructed Mr. Scislowicz to prepare a position statement to be approved by the Executive Committee and validated by the full board at the February 2009 meeting.

F. ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS

Mr. Losea request clarification on how the CCSB will measure success during the implementation of an Electronic Medical Records program.

OTHER

A. REMINDER

Mr. Losea reminded the Board that City law requires board members to attend 75% of board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Amy Blondell
Office Coordinator

John Sulfaro
Board Secretary

These minutes are subject to full Board approval.