

**A MEETING OF THE FAUQUIER COUNTY COMMUNITY POLICY &  
MANAGEMENT TEAM WAS HELD AT 1:30 P.M. MARCH 13, 2024 @ WARREN  
GREEN BUILDING  
10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA 20186**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Tom Pavelko, CPMT Chair (Warren Green Building); Mrs. Shel Bolyard-Douglas, Director of Department of Social Services (Warren Green Building); Mr. Michael Mahoney, CSA Coordinator (Warren Green Building); Ms. Heather MacMahon, Parent Representative (Warren Green Building); Ms. Mary Pitts, Juvenile Court Services (Warren Green Building); Nick Napolitano, Fauquier County Public Schools (Warren Green Building); Ms. Sabah Nawaz, Heath Department Representative (Warren Green Building); Mrs. Lisa Trapani, Social Services Program Specialist (Warren Green Building); Mr. Ira Holland, Juvenile Court Services (Warren Green Building); Annie Ross, Office of Management and Budget (Warren Green Building).

Absent from Meeting: Mr. Jermaine Johnson, Private Sector Representative and Mr. Jim LaGraffe, CSB Representative.

**ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 2024 AGENDA AND THE JANUARY 2024 MINUTES**

Mrs. Shel Bolyard-Douglas motioned for approval of the March 2024 Agenda. Mrs. Mary Pitts seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous as follows:

**Ayes: Mr. Tom Pavelko, Ms. Heather MacMahon, Ms. Sabah Nawaz and Mr. Nick Napolitano.**

**Nays: None**

**Absent from vote: Mr. Jim LaGraffe and Mr. Jermaine Johnson.**

**Abstention: None**

Mrs. Mary Pitts motioned for approval of the January 2024 minutes. Mr. Nick Napolitano seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous as follows:

**Ayes: Mr. Tom Pavelko, Ms. Heather MacMahon, Ms. Sabah Nawaz and Mrs. Shel Bolyard-Douglas.**

**Nays: None**

**Absent from vote: Mr. Jim LaGraffe and Mr. Jermaine Johnson.**

**Abstention: None**

**MEMBER REPORTS**

Ms. Mary Pitts discussed the FY25 Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act (VJCCCA) Plan. The state of Virginia and the Department of Juvenile Justice, provides a state allocation to localities. The localities in turn use the money in different ways. Since Fauquier is very rural and there are not a lot of services in the community, the DJJ uses the money for the juveniles and their families to contract for services, during intake, prior to intake, judicial services put in place by judge or even juvenile diversion. Fauquier was awarded \$36,836.00 from the grant. And the county also historically budgets about 50,000 for this initiative as well.

The state tells DJJ what type of services they are allowed to use. This year they have been able to expand the allowable services from previous years. There are 11 different programs to help assist the juveniles and their families.

1. **Electronic Monitoring** -To promote public safety and enhance probation/parole supervision.
2. **Restorative Justice**- To educate juveniles on how their behavior or choices impact others and allow them to make amends.
3. **Parenting Skills** – To provide support and education to parents in order to build positive parenting solutions.
4. **Therapeutic Mentoring** – To provide an adult role model to juveniles to support and guide them in reaching their goals to be successful in daily life.
5. **Clinical Services** – To provide mental health services to juveniles and families.
6. **Casey Life Skills** – To provide skill development and assist juveniles in maintaining pro-social and healthy behaviors that lead to becoming productive citizens.
7. **Vocational Training** – To prepare juveniles with basic employment skills in a particular trade and assist in obtaining employment by the closure of the program.
8. **Assessments/Evaluations** – To provide evaluations and assessments by a licensed mental health professional for juveniles requiring clinical services.
9. **Substance Use** – To teach juveniles the consequences of illegal substances use to avoid further problem behavior.
10. **Specialized Prevention Plan/Parent Project Truancy Prevention Program** – To educate parents on effective strategies for getting juveniles to school.
11. **Specialized Programs** – To provide services to meet the unique needs of the juvenile/family that are not within the current plan.

**The CPMT team discussed and fully supports this program.**

## **CSA REPORTS**

**Foster Care Placement Report:** Mr. Mahoney presented the foster care placement report as of March 11<sup>th</sup>. As of this report there are 28 children in care being funded through CSA. There are a few more children that are eligible for federal funding under the Title IV-E Grant and are not included in this list. The only notable update was the two children that came in to care right before our January meeting and at the time they had not been put on the list as they were new to the foster care and had not had their five-day hearing yet. Both are still in care and with a local family. As of right now the goal is still to return home. There have been no other changes in placements since the last meeting.

Mrs. Mary Pitts motioned for approval of the Foster Care Placement Report. Mr. Nick Napolitano seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous as follows:

**Ayes: Mr. Tom Pavelko, Ms. Heather MacMahon, Ms. Sabah Nawaz and Mrs. Shel Bolyard-Douglas.**

**Nays: None**

**Absent from vote: Mr. Jim LaGraffe and Mr. Jermaine Johnson.**

**Abstention: None**

**Private Day Placement Report:** This report was as of March 11. Mr. Mahoney advised there was only one new placement and one placement change. The new placement was made at the Phillips School in Fairfax and the change in placement went from Keys Academy to a residential placement at Newport News Behavioral. We are still expecting one child to graduate at the end of the school year from Grafton.

Mr. Nick Napolitano motioned for approval of the Private Day Placement Report. Mrs. Mary Pitts seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous as follows:

**Ayes: Mr. Tom Pavelko, Ms. Heather MacMahon, Ms. Sabah Nawaz and Mrs. Shel Bolyard-Douglas**

**Nays: None**

**Absent from vote: Mr. Jim LaGraffe and Mr. Jermaine Johnson.**

**Abstention: None**

**Expenditure Report:** Mr. Mahoney shared with the team that as of the end of the third quarter CSA has spent, \$2,909,490.14. The funds are broken down into the different budget lines and the most notable ones are the private day placements and the educational services in the congregate care setting which has increased. Last year we had seven residential placements that CSA was funding educational services for and as of today there are ten residential placements with a possibility of five more that are in the process of going residential due to some court recommendations and parents possibly filing for relief of custody. The remaining budget lines are trending the same from previous years.

There have been total refunds of \$43,267.34. CSA just recently received a large refund from a vendor because of a Medicaid reimbursement where a child was in a residential facility where we had paid for services until their Medicaid kicked in and then Medicaid back dated the funding and the facility reimbursed CSA.

Mr. Mahoney advised at the next meeting in May he plans on doing a comprehensive cost analysis of the expenditures of this year as compared to last year.

Mrs. Mary Pitts motioned for approval of the Expenditure Report. Mr. Nick Napolitano seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous as follows:

**Ayes: Mr. Tom Pavelko, Ms. Heather MacMahon, Ms. Sabah Nawaz and Mrs. Shel Bolyard-Douglas.**

**Nays: None**

**Absent from vote: Mr. Jim LaGraffe and Mr. Jermaine Johnson.**

**Abstention: None**

**Case Load Report:** CSA has served 140 unique cases this fiscal year compared to the 194 cases last year. There have been 14 congregate care education cases this year, when one drops off our list there is another one that takes its place. There are 40 total families for foster care, 80 community-based cases, 39 private day cases and 16 children being service under the special education mandate. Some cases are fall under one or more mandates.

Mrs. Mary Pitts motioned for approval of the Case Load Report. Mr. Nick Napolitano seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous as follows:

**Ayes: Mr. Tom Pavelko, Ms. Heather MacMahon, Ms. Sabah Nawaz and Mrs. Shel Bolyard-Douglas.**

**Nays: None**

**Absent from vote: Mr. Jim LaGraffe and Mr. Jermaine Johnson.**

**Abstention: None**

**Planning Update:** Mr. Mahoney advised the team that we have an open private provider slot since our current representative Jermaine Johnson has stepped down. There is another representative from Youth for Tomorrow that is willing to step into the private provider position.

Mrs. Bolyard-Douglas advised we would need to look at the CMPT guidelines and policy states about replacing the representative on the board permanently. But in terms of finishing out Mr. Johnson's term it is appropriate to have that representative step in.

### **OCS Updates:**

**GAP Survey Update:** This is a follow up to the responses we submitted in FY23. OCS sent out the survey to try and identify what areas are lacking in services. They then sent out an update to see if anything has improved. Mr. Mahoney states things have pretty much stayed the same since we originally did the survey. The provider's availability has stayed the same as previous years, certain services are more difficult to obtain due to the increase in cases.

Mrs. Bolyard-Douglas did advise she has seen that with the addition of mental health providers being brought into the schools and the creation of crisis intervention teams within the community services board has helped as well within the community at the event location rather than just as the hospital or the police station.

Mr. Mahoney will draft up a response and will send it to the team before he sends it to OCS.

**State Bill Tracking:** Mr. Mahoney advised there were no bills that mention CSA specifically, but there was a few that might be good to keep an eye on.

**State Bill 39:** Discusses kinship placements as foster care prevention. Where children at risk of entering foster care where a kinship placement is identified for them to stay to keep them from coming into foster care.

**State Bill 40:** Discusses local DSS to apply for benefits for foster care children and to use state funds over federal funds where appropriate. And any federal benefits a child is receiving in foster care to be put in a trust or a private account.

**State Bill 467 :** Discusses alternative living arrangements which would let biological parents choose an alternative living arrangement and sets criteria on how they will be funded.

**House Bill 317:** Authorizes the Office of the Children's Ombudsman to request that the Department of Social Services, the local department of social services, a children's residential facility, or a child-placing agency grant access and provide consent to interview children in foster care who are the subject of or the complainant in an investigation.

**House Bill 453:** Allows local boards of social services or child-placing agencies to approve kinship foster care parent applicants who have been convicted of certain felony drug offenses if five years have elapsed since the date of the conviction, where under current law 10 years must have elapsed to be eligible for approval as a kinship foster care parent. The bill also adds exceptions for certain misdemeanor assault and battery convictions not involving a minor if five years have elapsed since the date of the conviction.

**House Bill 700: Certain individuals in foster care, in the custody of the Department of Social Services, or considered a special needs adoption; parameters of higher education grants; point of contact for support and guidance.** Expands to include each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth the requirement to provide grants to certain individuals who were in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services or were considered a special needs adoption; adds mandatory education and general fees and, in the case of baccalaureate public institutions of higher education, the cost of room and board to the amount of such grants; and makes eligible for such grants any individual who meets certain other

eligibility criteria and was in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services or was considered a special needs adoption at any time after he turned 14. Current law requires such an individual to have been in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services or considered a special needs adoption at the time that his high school diploma or equivalency examination certificate was awarded. The bill also requires each public institution of higher education to identify at least one employee of the institution to serve as a point of contact for each enrolled student who was in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services or was considered a special needs adoption in order to provide such student with support and guidance, including support and guidance relating to financial aid and any associated applications or other required paperwork.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.