

CHESAPEAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2008

PRESENT

Mr. Richard Losea, Chairman
Mr. Darin Ely, Vice Chairman
Mr. John Sulfaro, Secretary
Ms. Janice Hudgins, Member-at-Large
Mr. Jeffrey Coleman
Ms. Elizabeth Everett
Dr. Diane Martin
Dr. Toney L. McNair, Jr.
Ms. Teresa Parsons
Mr. William Pierce
Mr. Frank Williams

ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS

Dr. Wanda Barnard-Bailey, Deputy City Manager
Mr. Lamar Elliott, Drug Court Steering Committee Member
Mr. William Harrell, City Manager
Ms. Betty Jean Meyer, Deputy City Manager
Ms. Angela Yancy, Budget Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Dr. McNair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was revised to include a discussion on nomination for the Joseph V. Gartlan Award. Ms. Everett moved to approve the agenda as revised. Ms. Hudgins seconded and all present voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Losea made the following corrections to the minutes from the March 10, 2008 meeting:

- (1) the invocation was led by Dr. McNair; not Mr. Losea; and (2) the action item under Committee Report was revised to specify the appointments recommended were for the board of Elizabeth River Properties of Chesapeake, Inc. Ms. Hudgins moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Sulfaro seconded and all present voted in favor.

DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING THE FY 2009 CITY BUDGET

The Board discussed with Mr. Harrell its concerns regarding a proposed reduction in the CSB budget of \$750,000. A major concern was whether or not this reduction was a recurring one. Deputy City Manager Betty Jean Meyer discussed the challenging financial situation the City is facing this year. Because of the current economic conditions the city could not predict if a cut would be required next year also. A lengthy discussion ensued during which various board members described the challenges the CSB faces including lengthy waiting lists. The City Manager and Deputy City Managers indicated they understood the CSB's concerns and reiterated their commitment to maintaining current levels of services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lamar Elliott serves on the Drug Court Steering Committee. He expressed to the Board his commitment to the Drug Court and urged them to vote in favor of using substance abuse residential funds to support the two drug court positions.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

The Chesapeake CSB and the Sheriff's Department would like to collaborate to apply for a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance to provide for planning and technical assistance to address public safety concerns regarding citizens with mental illness issues involved in the criminal justice system. Dr. Martin moved the Board authorize staff to apply for the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant. Ms. Everett seconded and all present voted in favor.

B. VACSB DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING CONFERENCE

The VACSB Development and Training Conference will be held May 7 through 9, 2008 in Virginia Beach. Board members will notify Mr. Scislowicz if they are interested in attending.

C. HIV SERVICES

The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services informed the Chesapeake CSB earlier this year that funding for HIV services would be discontinued. The Agency would like to continue to provide the services through the end of the fiscal year by hiring temporary agency staff. Dr. Martin moved the Board approve filling the two HIV positions as temps using HIV Block Grant funds for the period of May 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008. Ms. Hudgins seconded and all present voted in favor.

D. DRUG COURT POSITIONS

Ms. Hudgins moved that the Board approve the use of substance abuse residential funds to support the two Drug Court positions as described in the Agency Report. Ms. Everett seconded and all present voted in favor.

E. JOSEPH V. GARTLAN AWARD

Mr. Pierce moved that Dr. Shelton be nominated by the Board for the Joseph V. Gartlan Award. Dr. Martin seconded and all present voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chesapeake CSB will hold its annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on April 29 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Chesapeake Central Library. All Board members are invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Losea adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Amy Blondell
Office Coordinator

John Sulfaro
Board Secretary

These minutes are subject to full Board approval.