
November 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Rappahannock Area Community Services Board was held November 15, 2022 at 600 Jackson Street. Attendees included M a

Board Presentation: Local Government Funding Request

Tina Cleveland reviewed the agency's request for funding from local governments. Community Services Boards are agents of local governments and are required to receive 10% of their funding from localities. She told the Board that RACSB requested an increase of money to help with retention and recruitment. She said that the agency had a 23% vacancy rate and reminded the Board that the state government was giving 5% raises to its behavioral healthcare employees.

Matt Zurasky suggested forwarding the presentation to local supervisors and council members so they understand the issues facing the CSB when considering the funding request.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the consent agenda.

Moved by: Greg Sokobwski Seconded: Glenna Boerner

Consent Agenda

I. RECOMMENDED: PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE,
November 8, 2022

A.1 Information Only – Part C Monitoring Results

A.2 Information Only – Extraordinary Barriers List

Amy Umble shared a Free LanceStar story about the agency and told the Board Members that online ordering for RAAI's poinsettia sale was now up and running.

Michelle Wagaman said that the Prevention team has been busy with training and community events. She reported that 15 community members attended the ACE interface train the trainer presentation. Also, she told the Board that there would be a Dec. 8 training on trauma-informed leadership and that she could give the members a code to register for free.

Amy Jindra said that October had been a busy month with festivals and celebrations for many of the CSS programs, including a PEID pumpkin patch field trip, a trunk or treat at RAAI and a fall festival at Kenmore Club. Staffing shortages remain an issue, and employees from other programs have stepped in to help out at Sunshine Lady House and DD residential programs, where the struggle is especially intense.

Brandie Williams stated that there were small concerns with Track It and that she would keep this on the Board's radar. She also said that she continues to build relationships in the community, including serving on a panel about engagement and partnerships with the Virginia Cooperative Extension. She also said that RACSB had submitted a grant to expand its school-based mental health services. Additionally, she has met with Abigail Spanberger's team to discuss workforce challenges.

Board Time

Jacob Parcell thanked everyone for their hard work and requested a list of legislative priorities so Board Members could help advocate for CSB needs. He also asked about metrics for evaluating the strategic plan.

Matt Zurasky said he was struck by the wording in the nominations for Employee of the Quarter, where coworkers noted Tammy Grymes' care for the SLH "guests." He said that showed commitment and empathy to the individuals served at the Sunshine Lady House.

Greg Sokolowski said that he hoped everyone would have a good Thanksgiving. He also thanked staff for serving the community.

Nancy Beebe stated that she appreciated Board Members coming out to the meeting despite bad weather.

Claire Curcio said she was grateful for the program and facilities tour and that she learned a lot.

Glenna Boerner thanked staff for their hard work.

Susan Gayle thanked everyone for everything they do.

Sarah Ritchie thanked the staff for all that they do and said she was eager to bring information back to the King George Board of Supervisors.