



**HANOVER COUNTY
COMMUNITY SERVICES
BOARD -
Legislative Advocacy
Committee**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
BOARD**
Mary Butler Eggleston - Chair
Citizen
Ryan M. Hudson
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

March 9, 2026
6:00 PM

Members Present:

Mary Butler Eggleston, Johna Jones, Carol McDaid

Staff Members Present:

Gabriella Caldwell-Miller, Elena Hernandez, Ivy Sager, Bret Schardein

Additional Attendees:

None

Presenters:

None

Location:

Atlee Commons, 9734 Atlee Commons Drive, Ashland, VA 23005

Call to Order

Carol McDaid, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 12, 2026, meeting stand approved as presented.

Citizens' Time

None

Presentations and Agenda Items

A. School-based Mental Health Advocacy – Status Updates

Ms. McDaid opened by requesting an update on the school-based mental health services (SBMH) program since last week's Board work session. Dr. Caldwell-Miller provided the update noting that there had been a meeting with School leadership on the next phase of this program. She noted that it was clear from this meeting that CSB services are

welcomed in the schools and acknowledge that the program will look different since it is fewer staff. Further she reported that the program will cover four schools. It has already been determined that Patrick Henry and Mechanicsville High Schools will have an assigned clinician, further data analysis will inform the other two schools. For all schools, the priority will be on tier 3 services (one on one supports to specifically identified individuals, brief therapy model) with tier 1 and 2 supports being offered as time/capacity is available. Dr. Caldwell-Miller addressed questions related to data collection and initial plans for moving forward including the development of a rubric that aid in decisions about referrals and access to services. She acknowledged that while staff will be in certain schools, they can assist in other schools as appropriate. Staff are working to have an initial plan for the revised program by March 27.

Ms. Eggleston shared her position that the Community Engagement Committee is the best place to focus on SBMH, and that committee can link to the other committees as needed. This shift brings less focus on legislative advocacy and more on ongoing engagement related to CSB programs and services. Ms. McDaid asked about access to data shared by a Board of Supervisor member during the work session and if CSB staff had access to it. Dr. Caldwell-Miller indicated that CSB staff have not seen that data and provided additional information on the data that has been collected and reported throughout this program. She noted that the new program design gives opportunity for clarity on data metrics, consideration of future impact studies, and the ability to review qualitative data. Ms. Eggleston notes that she will contact the superintendent directly to discuss ways to open communication with school board members.

Ms. Jones shared that she spoke with Ms. Dibble after the work session about naloxone by mail/distribution efforts. She indicated that Ms. Dibble spoke to where she would like to see naloxone available and asked about required training before getting the naloxone. CSB staff provided clarity that previously training was required before dispensing but that is no longer the case. Staff also shared information about the work of the Opioid Task Force, which met recently and is chaired by Mr. Schardein. That task force is working to get naloxone available in the libraries and is looking at 22 other locations across the county for naloxone cabinets. Ms. McDaid expressed interest in attending future Opioid Task Force meeting, Mr. Schardein will provide information to Ms. McDaid about future meetings.

B. Future Advocacy Topics

Ms. McDaid addressed that the Committee's two priorities going forward will be engagement with the Opioid Task Force to advance efforts related to naloxone distribution/availability and related to Peers and the peer work force. Dr. Caldwell-Miller provided an update on work underway at the agency to continue building peer services, including a proposal to DBHDS to use carry-over funding for a lead peer recovery specialist and a peer placed with the Emergency Services team. She shared information on the agency's recent strategic planning related to peer services and the agency's needs and opportunities in this area. Ms. McDaid asked for any report from that planning exercise to be shared with the committee; Dr. Caldwell-Miller will provide that information.

- C. Open Discussion and Next Steps
No further discussion.

Other Items

The committee considered and agreed to their next meeting date.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2026, at 4:00 PM at Atlee Commons.

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