



HANOVER COUNTY
COMMUNITY SERVICES
BOARD –
Public Advocacy
Committee

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
Sue Randolph – Chair
Citizen
Angela Kelly-Wiecek
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

June 12, 2023
5:30 PM

Members Present: Mary Butler Eggleston, Carol McDaid, Jack Wilson

Staff Members Present: Ivy Sager

Additional Attendees: None

Presenters: None

Location: Atlee Commons Meeting Room, 9734 Atlee Commons Drive, Ashland, VA 23005

- I. **Call to Order** – Mary Butler Eggleston called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- II. **Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda** – No amendments to the agenda were considered.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from May 8, 2023, were approved as submitted.
- IV. **Presentations and Agenda Items**
 - A. Presentation & Discussion –
 - i. Committee members and staff discussed whether or not Advocacy Committee Members should meet face to face with the Legislative Committee of the Board of Supervisors. Pros and cons of doing so were discussed.
 - ii. Committee members discussed what items should be included as possible additions to the County's legislative agenda that Mr. Walter, County Attorney discussed with the group in May. Committee members agreed to review the Hanover County Legislative agenda for the 2023 General Assembly session prior to July 10th meeting and come prepared to include changes to that document so they can be presented at the July 17th Board meeting. Issues discussed as possibilities included: 1) urging full funding of the existing high school mental health counselors and additional full funding for two more; 2) legislation that

- would modify the definition of “same day access” to “same day assessment”; and
3) streamlining the timelines associated with the County’s Performance Contract.
- iii. Committee members and staff also had a rich discussion about the process the CSB staff use to work on advocacy matters. Ivy suggested she has certain protocols for advocating for change and that process includes working through VACSB as much as possible. Committee members acknowledged the unique role staff play in advocating for policy changes and pledged to support the CSB staff and always communicate any relevant intelligence back to staff if CSB advocacy committee members happen to glean from elected officials.
 - iv. Committee members expressed an interest in doing advocacy in addition to Ivy and her team’s efforts. Ivy acknowledged committee members interest in this but also clarified in certain instances she can’t greenlight these efforts given her role.
 - v. The committee agreed to advance draft recommendations at the July 10th meeting and would then be sent to the full CSB board for their consideration. If/once approved these legislative recommendations would be shared with the Board of Supervisors’ Legislative Committee.

V. **Other Items** – None

VI. **Announcements** – None

VII. **Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Atlee Commons location.