



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

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

**MINUTES**

January 5, 2026  
6:00 PM

**Members Present:**

Johna Jones, Carol McDaid

**Staff Members Present:**

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

**Additional Attendees:**

None

**Presenters:**

None

**Location:**

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

**Call to Order**

Carol McDaid, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Mary Butler Eggleston was not able to attend.

**Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the December 11, 2025, meeting stand approved as presented.

**Citizens' Time**

None

**Presentations and Agenda Items**

- A. Meetings with Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Ms. McDaid opened with discussion on meeting with the BOS member who appointed each CSB Board member. Ms. Jones asked what the intended discussion points would

be, which led directly into an extensive discussion about the school-based mental health program.

**B. Strategies to Support School-based Mental Health**

Staff reported that the SBMH program was in jeopardy due to school board funding issues. Only one year of funding was guaranteed and school board priorities have changed. Staff noted that the county has funding for 2 staff but discussed whether it continues to make sense to continue the program under these circumstances. Committee members and staff discussed at length the challenges and opportunities related to the school-based mental health program and the related funding concerns. Ms. McDaid indicated that she is very willing to talk with the appropriate person on Governor-elect Spanberger's staff because she knows that education and mental health are important issues for the incoming administration. She also stated that she believes that one on one conversations with Board of Supervisor members to let them know how valuable the program is and that collectively the CSB Board is advocating for it to continue. Ms. McDaid asked for specific details on the funding and what additional funding would be needed to sustain the program. Ms. Sager indicated that she would provide that information as soon as possible along with some additional information that has been compiled on this topic.

Ms. MsDaid also asked about follow-up discussion with Sue Dibble regarding naloxone vending machine, considering her strong advocacy during the recent Hanover County Legislative Committee meeting. Staff provided an update on some of the related work being done through the Hanover Opioid Task Force. Ms. Jones shared her positive experience with that group and expressed her agreement that the task force should continue to drive those efforts.

It was noted that Mr. Schardein is scheduled to present the Human Services Annual Report at the January 14, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting. Ms. McDaid asked that the CSB specific data/information be shared with CSB Board members before it is presented. Ms. McDaid also asked that the school-based mental health program be highlighted in the annual report.

**C. Open Discussion and Next Steps**  
No further items were discussed.

**Other Items**

The Committee discussed and agreed on a date for the next committee meeting, which will include a report from VACSB legislative conference.

**Announcements**

None

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Atlee Commons.