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Board Meeting

September 16th, 2021

9:30 am – 10:30 am

Board Members:

Shelly Neal-Edwards, Shelley Heller, Lauren Scarce, William Webb, John Schratwieser, Katie Dilley, Annie Woodall, Wanda Boyer, Van Hamlin, Sherone Lewis

Guests and Staff: Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Jamar Abner

Board Business

- Approve August Minutes
Motion to Approve Bill Webb and John Schratwieser

Community Schools Update

Following last months conversation KCLMB spoke with Gina Jachomowicz and she assured us that Tanya Filson, MSDE's Community Schools person, on boarded her, and the Rock Hall and Garnet principals in late June. KCPS has already ironed out details with the Health Department to place a registered nurse and a CNA at each school.

Rock Hall hired teacher Jory Mitzle as their Community Schools specialist and she presented to the Board of Education on Sept. 13th. She is supervising the implementation of a new blended learning schedule for 1st-3rd grade students and will lead the needs assessment.

Whitsitt Center Discussion

Discussion with Bill Webb, Kent County Health Officer
State announced that they are divesting that property through their FY22-FY36 Facilities Plan



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History of Upper Shore Facility –

Built in 1980 using donated County land to MDH to build a multi purpose mental health treatment center for the Upper Shore region and included space for Juvenile facility

Kent County Health Dept. has always managed drug and alcohol treatment services

Was meant for it to be a sister organization to local services

Upper Shore Mental Health Center closed in 2010, KCHD expanded drug treatment services and provide mental health crisis beds to supplement the loss of those services

KCHD is a tenant of MDH, but owned by MD Dept. of General Services Eastern Shore Hospital Center is responsible for managing the building as well as the building in Cambridge.

In 2020 KCHD reduced units from two to one during COVID due to staffing shortages. They also offer 8 grant funded opioid crisis beds The divestiture is part of the first phase of the plan between FY22-FY26, which means in FY26 someone other than the State of MD is going to own that property.

Will now start discussing options for that transition. Demand for the services has been as high as it has ever been. KCHD will operate as business as usual for the next 3-5 years as the community and State explore options.

Bill motioned to adjourn, Shelly seconded, all in favor.

Next Board and Guiding Coalition Meeting: Thursday October 21st 9:30am

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