

MINUTES

COLONIAL GROUP HOME COMMISSION 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING August 12, 2020

MEETING CONVENED

A special meeting of the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee was called to order at 7:34 a.m., on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, by Chair Stephen Kopczynski through the use of electronic means without a quorum being physically assembled in one place, pursuant to an emergency ordinance no. 20-11, adopted by the York County Board of Supervisors April 21, 2020, and readopted on June 16, 2020, pertaining to the continuity of county operations associated with the COVID-9 pandemic disaster.

This meeting is being held remotely under the emergency “continuity of government” ordinance adopted under Code of Virginia section 15.2-1413, allowing public meetings of this Board, and other county boards, commissions, and authorities, to meet remotely. This action was taken because of the health emergency resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, making the assembly of the board and staff and members of the public in one place unsafe because of the highly contagious nature of the coronavirus pandemic.

I am Stephen Kopczynski, Chair, other Board members participating are Ms. Rebecca Vinroot and Ms. Wendy Evans. Other County staff present or participating are Brian Fuller, Community Services Director/Commission Administrator; Sheri Newcomb, Community Services Deputy Director; Amy Crotty, Juvenile Services Manager; Michelle Justiniano, Juvenile Services Management Analyst; and Nancy Bennett, Administrative Assistant.

ROLL CALL

The following members of the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee were present at roll call: Mr. Stephen Kopczynski, Chair; Ms. Rebecca Vinroot, Vice-Chair; and Ms. Wendy Evans, Secretary. Lisa Kersey was absent.

COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR REPORT AND REQUESTS

This special meeting was called to order on request of Mr. Fuller to update the members of the Executive Committee on the current status of the Crossroads Community Youth Home. Mr. Fuller informed the Executive Members that the Program Manager at Crossroads resigned as of August 7, 2020, and that position is vacant as well as the Resident Operations Supervisor position which has been vacant since April. At the request of the County’s Senior Leadership a study was commissioned to evaluate the Crossroads Community Youth Home usage and operations. Additionally, as of January 1, 2021, upon the implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act, Crossroads will no longer be able to serve children placed by the Department of

Social Services due to new requirements placed on facilities. The original intention was for the study to be completed on or before January 2021 to aid in the preparation of the FY22 budget.

On June 30, 2020, Crossroads closed due to staff members testing positive for COVID-19, and at that point, work on the study was accelerated. The study looked at revenues, expenditures, child care days, cost per child, and the number of children served for the 4 member localities from FY2011 to FY2020. County Administrator, Neil Morgan provided the memorandum and results of the study to the City and County Administrators of the member localities who were advised to contact himself or Mr. Fuller if they were willing to take over the operation of Crossroads. As of today, there has been no contact from the other localities. Based on the results of the study, the decline of utilization over the last 10 years, the operational changes of group homes, and the increase in expenditures, our County Administrator, with concurrence with the York County Board of Supervisors, finds that the program is not a defensible expenditure. Based on the study staff is recommending to not re-open Crossroads Community Youth Home.

CLOSED MEETING. At 7:46 a.m. Ms. Vinroot moved that the Executive Committee meeting convene in Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, pertaining to personnel matters, which was seconded by Ms. Evans.

On roll call, the vote was:

Yea: (3) Kopczynski, Vinroot, and Evans
Nay: (0)

Meeting Reconvened. On motion of Ms. Vinroot, seconded by Ms. Evans, the meeting reconvened in open session at 7:54 a.m., and the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REGARDING MEETING IN CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee this 12th day of August, 2020 hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee.

On motion of Mr. Kopczynski, with the consensus of the Executive Committee, it is recommended that a Resolution be forwarded to the Full Commission authorizing the closure of the Crossroads Community Youth Home.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Vinroot, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 a.m.



Stephen Kopczynski, Chair
Colonial Group Home Commission



Wendy Evans, Secretary
Colonial Group Home Commission