

Behavioral Health Commission- Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 - 1:00 p.m.

Prince William County Crisis Receiving Center

14011 Worth Ave, Woodbridge, VA 23227

Members Present

Senator Creigh Deeds, Chair

Senator Lashrecse Aird (virtual)

Senator Barbara Favola

Senator Russet Perry

Delegate Marcia Price, Vice Chair

Delegate Patrick Hope

Delegate Adele McClure

Delegate Ellen McLaughlin (virtual)

Delegate Vivian Watts

Delegate Rodney Willett

Members Absent

Senator Tara Durant

Delegate Wren Williams

Call to order and opening remarks- Senator Creigh Deeds, Chair

Roll call- Agnes Dymora

Delegate Hope nominated Senator Deeds for Chair and Delegate Price for Vice Chair. All members present voted unanimously to approve the nominations.

Executive Director Nathalie Molliet-Ribet provided an overview of the BHC staff study on crisis services and the civil commitment system, which was briefed in November 2025. She highlighted the major study takeaways related to crisis facilities, and explained how these takeaways related to the Prince William County Crisis Receiving Center (CRC).

Staff from the Prince William County CSB (Elise Madison, CSB Assistant Director and Heather Baxter, CSB Emergency Services Program Manager) and from Connections Health Solutions (Cassie Leavitt, President – East, and Chris Santarsiero, VP of Government Affairs) provided an overview of the Prince William County CRC. Their presentation described the model used by the facility, the populations served, and the funding sources used. Lastly, they outlined the impacts of the facility on patients, the community, and surrounding areas. Presenters concluded by laying out the challenges facing the facility and provided recommendations to address those challenges. They answered members' questions throughout.

Commissioner Daryl Washington, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, provided an update on the agency's direction and current initiatives, including federal

changes to 1115 waivers and providing services to the homeless population. He also spoke about the crisis delivery system and remaining implementation challenges, and the census and waitlists at state hospitals. Lastly, Commissioner Washington provided a brief update on the current status at Hiram Davis Medical Center.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Commission meeting will be on July 7, 2026.

Delegate McLaughlin participated virtually due to a personal matter. Senator Aird participated virtually due to a conflict with chairing another commission.