

# **PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD**

## **Executive Session Minutes**

**RE:** Raymond Smith

**Status:** CR

**Date of Hearing:** April 14, 2023

**Purpose of Hearing:** Mandatory Review (C.G.S., Sec. 17a-585) AND Application for Discharge filed by Public Defender William O'Connor (C.G.S., Sec. 17a-593)

**FINDING OF FACT AND ORDER:** Remains Conditionally Released. Board will recommend Discharge to the Courts.

**See MOD Number:** 23-05-6020

**See Report to Court Number:** 23-05-6027

The Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation at 11:48 A.M. and adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Administrative staff present were Vanessa Cardella, LCSW, Executive Director; and Jeff Granata, Program Coordinator. The Board members present were:

<b>Member</b>	<b>*Vote Recorded</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Sheila Hennessey, Esquire</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Sylvia Cancela, M.B.A.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Cheryl Abrams, M.S.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>John Bonetti, D.O.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Renesha Nichols, DSW/LCSW</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		<b>6-0</b>

**\*Vote Recorded**

P - Present At Hearing

R - Reviewed Transcript(s) & Exhibit(s)/Present for Vote

A - Absent

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**RE:** Jake Wascher

**Status:** WFH-D/S

**Date of Hearing:** April 14, 2023

**Purpose of Hearing:** Mandatory Review (C.G.S., Sec. 17a-585)

**FINDING OF FACT AND ORDER:** Remains confined to Dutcher Service.

**See Document Number:** 23-05-6021

The Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation at 11:48 A.M. and adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Administrative staff present were Vanessa Cardella, LCSW, Executive Director; and Jeff Granata, Program Coordinator. The Board members present were:

<b>Member</b>	<b>*Vote Recorded</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Sheila Hennessey, Esquire</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Sylvia Cancela, M.B.A.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Cheryl Abrams, M.S.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>John Bonetti, D.O.</b>	<i>Recused</i>	<b>--</b>
<b>Renisha Nichols, DSW/LCSW</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		<b>5-0</b>

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P - Present At Hearing

R - Reviewed Transcript(s) & Exhibit(s)/Present for Vote

A - Absent

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**RE:** Isaiah Lindsay

**Status:** WFH-D/S

**Date of Hearing:** April 14, 2023

**Purpose of Hearing:** Mandatory Review (C.G.S., Sec. 17a-585)

**FINDING OF FACT AND ORDER:** Remains confined to Dutcher Service.

**See Document Number:** 23-05-6022

The Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation at 11:48 A.M. and adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Administrative staff present were Vanessa Cardella, LCSW, Executive Director; and Jeff Granata, Program Coordinator. The Board members present were:

<b>Member</b>	<b>*Vote Recorded</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Sheila Hennessey, Esquire</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Sylvia Cancela, M.B.A.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Cheryl Abrams, M.S.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>John Bonetti, D.O.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Renisha Nichols, DSW/LCSW</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		<b>6-0</b>

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A - Absent

# **PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD**

## **Executive Session Minutes**

**RE:** John Sessa

**Status:** CR

**Date of Hearing:** April 14, 2023

**Purpose of Hearing:** Application for Modification of Conditional Release filed by Intercommunity (C.G.S., Sec. 17a-591) ***STIPULATED***

**FINDING OF FACT AND ORDER:** Board approves request for Mr. Sessa to increase time in his own custody at his place of residence and at his social club with CR Supervisor approval.

**See Document Number:** **23-05-6023**

The Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation at 11:48 A.M. and adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Administrative staff present were Vanessa Cardella, LCSW, Executive Director; and Jeff Granata, Program Coordinator. The Board members present were:

<b>Member</b>	<b>*Vote Recorded</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Sheila Hennessey, Esquire</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Sylvia Cancela, M.B.A.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Cheryl Abrams, M.S.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>John Bonetti, D.O.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Renisha Nichols, DSW/LCSW</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		<b>6-0</b>

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# PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD

## Executive Session Minutes

**RE:** Carlos Colon

**Status:** CR

**Date of Hearing:** April 14, 2023

**Purpose of Hearing:** Application for Modification of Conditional Release, filed by Capitol Region Mental Health Center (C.G.S., Section 17a-591)  
**STIPULATED**

**FINDING OF FACT AND ORDER:** Board approves reduction of the frequency to once daily for VNA and allows self-administration of PM medication.

**See Document Number:** 23-05-6024

The Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation at 11:48 A.M. and adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Administrative staff present were Vanessa Cardella, LCSW, Executive Director; and Jeff Granata, Program Coordinator. The Board members present were:

Member	*Vote Recorded	Vote
Sheila Hennessey, Esquire	P	Y
Sylvia Cancela, M.B.A.	P	Y
Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP	P	Y
Cheryl Abrams, M.S.	P	Y
John Bonetti, D.O.	P	Y
Renisha Nichols, DSW/LCSW	P	Y
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		<b>6-0</b>

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A - Absent

**PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD**  
**Executive Session Minutes**

**RE:** Timothy Frazier

**Status:** CR

**Date of Hearing:** April 14, 2023

**Purpose of Hearing:** Application for Modification of Conditional Release, filed by Rushford (C.G.S., Sec.17a-591) *STIPULATED*

**FINDING OF FACT AND ORDER:** Board approves to remove the required number of social activities per month for Mr. Frazier.

**See Document Number:** 23-05-6025

The Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation at 11:48 A.M. and adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Administrative staff present were Vanessa Cardella, LCSW, Executive Director; and Jeff Granata, Program Coordinator. The Board members present were:

<b>Member</b>	<b>*Vote Recorded</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Sheila Hennessey, Esquire</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Sylvia Cancela, M.B.A.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Cheryl Abrams, M.S.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>John Bonetti, D.O.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Renesha Nichols, DSW/LCSW</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		<b>6-0</b>

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**RE:** Susan Silva

**Status:** CR

**Date of Hearing:** April 14, 2023

**Purpose of Hearing:** Application for Modification of Conditional Release, filed by Community Mental Health Affiliates (C.G.S., Sec.17a-591) *STIPULATED*

**FINDING OF FACT AND ORDER:** Board approves request to allow Ms. Silva to participate in preapproved bi-weekly, unsupervised visits with spouse.

**See Document Number:** 23-05-6026

The Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation at 11:48 A.M. and adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Administrative staff present were Vanessa Cardella, LCSW, Executive Director; and Jeff Granata, Program Coordinator. The Board members present were:

<b>Member</b>	<b>*Vote Recorded</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Sheila Hennessey, Esquire</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Sylvia Cancela, M.B.A.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Cheryl Abrams, M.S.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>John Bonetti, D.O.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Renesha Nichols, DSW/LCSW</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		<b>6-0</b>

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**RE:** Benjamin Nash

**Status:** CR

**Date of Hearing:** April 14, 2023

**Purpose of Hearing:** Application for Modification of Conditional Release, filed by Southeastern Mental Health Authority (C.G.S., Section 17a-591) and Review of Special Reports submitted by SMHA dated April 5, 2023 *STIPULATED*

**FINDING OF FACT AND ORDER:** Board approves transfer to Joe’s Place and requests a hearing to review documentation on his decompensation prior to April 14th hearing.

**See Document Number:** 23-05-6018

The Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation at 11:48 A.M. and adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Administrative staff present were Vanessa Cardella, LCSW, Executive Director; and Jeff Granata, Program Coordinator. The Board members present were:

<b>Member</b>	<b>*Vote Recorded</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Sheila Hennessey, Esquire</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Sylvia Cancela, M.B.A.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Cheryl Abrams, M.S.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>John Bonetti, D.O.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Renisha Nichols, DSW/LCSW</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		<b>6-0</b>

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**PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD**  
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**RE:** Akbar Jamal Ali  
(aka William Jamal Ali; aka George Crawford)

Status: WFH-D/S w/TL

**Date of Board Conference:** April 14, 2023

**Purpose of Board Conference:** Petition for Continued Commitment filed by Thai Chhay dated February 24, 2023.

**FINDING OF FACT AND ORDER:** Board recommends 5 years continued commitment.

**See Document Number:** 23-05-6019

The Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation at 11:48 A.M. and adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Administrative staff present were Vanessa Cardella, LCSW, Executive Director; and Jeff Granata, Program Coordinator. The Board members present were:

<b>Member</b>	<b>*Vote Recorded</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Sheila Hennessey, Esquire</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Sylvia Cancela, M.B.A.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Cheryl Abrams, M.S.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>John Bonetti, D.O.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Renisha Nichols, DSW/LCSW</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		<b>6-0</b>

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**PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD**  
**Executive Session Minutes**

**RE:** Timothy Granata

Status: WFH

**Date of Board Conference:** April 14, 2023

**Purpose of Board Conference:** Review of Report submitted by Whiting Forensic Hospital dated March 17, 2023.

**FINDING OF FACT AND ORDER:** Board acknowledges report and does not require a hearing.

The Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation at 11:48 A.M. and adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Administrative staff present were Vanessa Cardella, LCSW, Executive Director; and Jeff Granata, Program Coordinator. The Board members present were:

<b>Member</b>	<b>*Vote Recorded</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Sheila Hennessey, Esquire</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Sylvia Cancela, M.B.A.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Cheryl Abrams, M.S.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>John Bonetti, D.O.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Renisha Nichols, DSW/LCSW</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		<b>6-0</b>

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**PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD**  
**ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF MATTERS**

On April 14, 2023, the Psychiatric Security Review Board Meeting convened both via Zoom video and in Room 217 of Page Hall at Connecticut Valley Hospital, in Middletown, Connecticut at 9:18 A.M.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:55 P.M.