

TO: Mayor and Fairfax City Council
FROM: Judith C. Turcott,
City of Fairfax Representative to Fairfax Area Disability Services Board
SUBJECT: Fairfax Area Disability Services Board Report
DATE: October 2020

The Fairfax Area Disability Services Board (FA-DSB) vision: To include people with disabilities into mainstream community life by identifying, communicating, and advocating their diverse capabilities and needs to state and local governments and the private sector; and to help and provide resources to meet the needs of persons with physical and sensory disabilities.

The board met virtually September and October 2020

1. **Martha Glennon Awards:** The Fairfax Area Disability Services Board's Martha Glennan Disability Inclusion and Equality Awards are presented annually to recognize people, businesses, nonprofits, government agencies, and other organizations that excel in demonstrating a commitment to promoting equal rights and community inclusion for people with disabilities in the Fairfax area and how people with disabilities have significantly benefited from their efforts. This year the Awards will honor one person and one organization who significantly supported the disability community in dealing with challenges of Covid-19 pandemic. This year awards will be presented virtually on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. (login information will be released closer to the date).
2. **Voting information:** Many accommodations have been made for the voting for people with disabilities. Gary Scott, Director of Elections Fairfax County stated that All polling places are equipped with voting machines equipped with technology for audible ballots. There is the ability for curbside balloting at polling stations.
3. **The committee has discussed the impact of Covid-19 on people with disabilities.** The FA-DSB has identified multiple issues, people impacted by the issues and potential solutions to the issue. This is an ongoing working document that continues to be a focus of the board.
4. The board is next scheduled to meet virtually in November.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Suzanne Levy

RE: Fairfax Library Quarterly Report

DATE: October 26, 2020

The Library was closed from March 16 through May 31. Staff worked from home, at other county agencies, made protective masks, and did all kinds of projects. Children's staff even did online story times. Summer Reading Program was done remotely. Statistics showed that more older children participated than in past years.

- On June 1, the libraries opened for curbside service. You were able to drive up, call in, and pick up your holds. The Book Drops reopened on that date and books were held for several days before they were handled.
- As Virginia entered Phase III, the Libraries reopened to the public on July 13th, with limited hours and service. Curbside service is still available, and customers are welcome to come in and browse, use computers, ask reference questions, check out books, etc. for up to 30 minutes. The number of people allowed in the building at one time is set for each branch (but it doesn't seem to be a problem). Since all meeting rooms are being used to sequester returned materials for the requisite number of days, there is no in branch programming.
- Book donations are still now being accepted and Friends groups and volunteers are for the most part not working in branches. Some Friends groups have been able to restock their sales shelves with books that were already available to them in the buildings. They are unable to receive any more from county storage. Some branches (like Oakton) have been selling bags of books outside their branches. No sorting is allowed; you just grab a bag and go. They are bagged by subject.
- The Library Board met for the first time since March via telephone conference in July. We do not meet in August, so our September and October meetings were via Zoom.
- Five branches are being used as early voting sites: Centreville, Herndon, Thomas Jefferson, Tysons Pimmit during their business hours, and Great Falls (Saturdays only).

Please watch the Library Web page for activities and programming. Yesterday, October 20, our Children's staff did their first live program, outside in the park across the street.

And this morning I received this notice from our director. It has lots of ideas for all our library users (and even those who aren't)

For Adults

- As always, the library continues to offer reading materials for educational, recreational and entertainment uses. The public is welcome to visit the branch and browse under the Express Services model or they can utilize the tens of thousands of items available digitally through [Overdrive/Libby](#) for eBooks and eAudiobooks or [RBDigital](#) for eAudiobooks and eMagazines.

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- While we aren't offering regular in-person programs at this time, there are many virtual programs on a variety of topics. Visit the [Library's "Events"](#) page and filter by "digital programs" and "adults" to see what is coming up soon. From online wellness programs such as virtual yoga and mindfulness to English language conversation groups, stand alone programs such as learning how to preserve your family history or buy a new TV to online crafting, there are options out there for everyone.
- In addition to live virtual programs, FCPL maintains YouTube playlists of different saved programs. For adults, try out the [cooking class list](#), or the [wellness list](#)-both of which we have just started to develop.
- Interested in learning a new skill to help your career or personal interests? [Try Lynda.com!](#) An online learning service with structured pathways towards new skills or freeform engagement, you can choose from a wide variety of online education options such as starting up a small business to learning Photoshop. Education pathways include audio and music production, many different programming languages, video editing and photography, bookkeeping, content strategy and more. Be sure to login from the library though, with your library card and pin, otherwise it is offered through LinkedIn. Universal Class is another great options with courses in more than thirty subjects.
- Looking for general information about the library and it's programs or resources? Try our quarterly magazine [Branch Out](#). The latest issue focuses on shared resources (all articles are available online with print copies in library branches).
- FCPL offers more than ninety online database which cover a wide range of topics. View them all at [our A-Z Online Resources](#) page and be ready to enter in your library card number to access them:
 - If you're looking to learn a new language, try Mango or Rocket Language.
 - Looking to gain new skills, find a new job, or explore the library's workforce development offerings? Try Learning Express library which has practice tests, professional licensing tests, scholarship finders, resume builders and citizenship test prep. Peterson's Career Prep can help as someone is looking to assess a career they may want to start, as well as identifying training programs and school options.
 - Want to know more about your family history? Ancestry or Heritage Quest are two great options.
 - Bored at home? How about learning to fix your car? View the Auto Repair Source database or Small Engine Repair Reference to assist with step-by-step instructions and diagnostic support. If you don't want to fix your car, what about your house?? Use the Home Improvement Reference Center for assistance with home repairs, general maintenance, plumbing, and other projects.
 - Working on your personal finances or looking to grow your business? Give Business Insights or Business Source a look over, or try Morningstar or Mergent Intellect for market data.

For Children

- For parents, it may be difficult to balance all of the competing priorities of the day. The Library offers a list of [parenting resources](#) including various online resources provided by the library, virtual learning tips for parents, and recommended reading about parenting.
- There continue to be many online programming options for children. Search the [Library's "Events"](#) page and filter by "digital programs" and the audience options of "babies and toddlers", "preschoolers", "school age children" or "teens" to see what's coming up soon.

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Bilingual story times, online book clubs, trivia groups, and teen film screenings-something for a variety of different interests.

- In addition to live virtual programs, FCPL maintains YouTube playlists of different saved programs. For children, try out the Storytime playlist which has more than 100 different [storytime segments](#).
- Some libraries continue to offer in person, outdoor and socially distant programs through storywalks, sidewalk chalk activities, and “make and take” crafting kits. Check the Library’s Events page for more information by branch.
- Need [help with homework?](#) The Library offers many online databases which can help, including online test prep materials for AP/SAT/ACT. Learning databases include Current Biography Illustrated, multiple eBook collections by EBSCOHost, Explora, Gale Academic, Literature Resource Center, Read It!, Scholastic Go and more.
- FCPL offers more than ninety online databases which cover a wide range of topics. View them all at [our A-Z Online Resources](#) page and be ready to enter in your library card number to access them:
 - Early World of Learning helps children develop core concepts (letters, colors, numbers) through songs, stories and activities.
 - Just for Kids is an online streaming video collection from PBS Kids and more.
 - Looking for something new to read? Try Novelist K-8 PLUS to find a new great other, based on other authors you’ve already enjoyed.
 - Tumblebooks take children’s picture books and add narration, voice overs and activities.

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Carolyn Sutterfield, Chair and City of Fairfax Representative
RE: Fairfax Area Commission on Aging
DATE: October 2020

The Fairfax Area Commission on Aging (COA) took its annual recess in August. Otherwise, during the pandemic, we meet virtually on the third Wednesday of the month. Instructions for joining the public meetings are published in the [Golden Gazette](#).

- Additional officer for the COA

At the request of the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitation Services (DARS), the COA amended its bylaws at its virtual meeting on September 16 to add the office of Secretary to its existing leadership slate. Cathy Muha, COA representative from the Sully District, was elected Secretary for a term that will conclude on August 31, 2021.

- Community Awards announced

Consolidated Community Funding Pool awards for FY 2021-2022 have been announced. More than 100 nonprofits will receive a total of \$13.18 million. Insight Memory Care Center, which specifically serves older adults with memory disorders, will receive a total of \$525,000 in five grants spread over two years. A [list of all 2021 and 2022 CCFP grants](#) is on the Fairfax County website. Also, the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke received a grant from the RISE (COVID-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Grant Fund) program funded by Fairfax County's share of CARES Act funding. As of October 15, 4,754 grants had been awarded, totaling \$52 million. (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/economic-success/fairfaxrise>).

- Northern Virginia Aging Network (NVAN) Virtual "Legislative Breakfast" Meeting

The Northern Virginia Aging Network (Area Agencies of Aging plus Commissions on Aging of Fairfax, Alexandria, Arlington, Loudoun, and Prince William counties) held its annual meeting for state legislators on October 2 to present these priorities for the 2021 General Assembly:

Legislative

- Require and enforce long-term care (nursing homes and assisted living) emergency preparedness plans to address infectious outbreaks; and mandate sufficient inventory and use of Personal Protective Equipment.
- Allow local governments the option to establish inclusionary zoning requirements to mandate affordable housing in new and redeveloped housing.
- Limit the ability of condo or homeowners' associations to fine or foreclose for non-payment of fees by adults 65+ unable to pay annual dues. Allow HOAs to collect full amount of assessment liens, with reasonable caps on collection costs, at time of sale.

Budget

- Mandate sick leave, living wages, and other benefits for direct care staff in facilities and at home.
- Fund Medicaid coverage of dental care for adults.
- Fund home- and community-based care through AAAs and Centers for Independent Living, including funding to address social isolation.

- Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP)

Open enrollment for Medicare runs from October 15 through December 7. VICAP counselors stand ready to help. For more information, call the AAA hotline at 703-324-7948, or visit

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<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/older-adults/virginia-insurance-counseling-and-assistance-program>.

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TO: The Honorable Mayor David L. Meyer and Fairfax City Council

FROM: Frank Franz

RE: Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Citizens Advisory Council
Report for the Period March 2020 – October 2020

DATE: October 26, 2020

- Due to Virginia's COVID-19 State of Emergency, the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Citizens Advisory Council has decided not to meet in person, and in consultation with the Court administrator, Mr. Robert Birmingham, meeting as a council virtually would require specific legal and technological requirements. Therefore, until the state of emergency is lifted, the JDRC Advisory Council will communicate via email, with the court administrator and chief judge providing updates.
- The JDRC courts have been operating, albeit on a reduced basis due to COVID-19 safety precautions, but also because criminal and civil complaints filed have been less than normal. The number of residents at the Juvenile Detention Facility has also decreased, currently 25 youths. There has been a large increase in the number of youth and adults currently under pre-trial community supervision as an alternative to being incarcerated, in detention or jail.
- While agencies have not been asked to make budget or program cuts, each agency has been directed to curtail hiring of new employees with the goal of saving money and in hopes to avoid future program or personnel reductions.
- Judge Kimberly Daniel and Judge Janine Saxe have announced that they will be retiring. Judge Daniel's effective retirement date is December 31, 2020 and Judge Saxe's retirement will be effective February 1, 2021.
 - The legislature has been asked to fill these positions as soon as possible, with the hopes of the legislature acting by the end of their legislative session in February.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Anita Light, Fairfax City Representative to the Fairfax County Long Term Care Coordinating Council

Re: Quarterly Report from the LTCCC, July to September 2020

Date: October 26, 2020

Fairfax County Long Term Care Coordinating Council met on July 29, 2020. With almost 60 members of this committee and FOIA mandates in place, a Zoom meeting was held to (1) approve the LTCCC Government Affairs Committee recommendations for the County's 2021 Human Services Issue Paper, (2) approve a slate of officers for the LTCCC, and (3) discuss lessons learned how the community has navigated COVID-19.

- (1) Issues included in the Recommendations document focused on Substance Use Disorder, Medicaid Waivers, Independence and Self-Sufficiency for Older Adults and People with Disabilities. The recommendations include the following (details available upon request:

Substance Use Disorder – allow continued telehealth for treatment and relaxed rules for beginning medication-assisted treatment; increase the number of drug disposal sites and increase education of same; increase e-cigarette tax as a prevention mechanism.

Medicaid Waivers – continue to support state funding and expansion for VA Medicaid Waivers in a variety of areas; support increased funding for DD Medicaid Waivers and slots.

Independence and Self-Sufficiency for Older Adults and People with Disabilities – continue to support funding for programs that promote independence, self-sufficiency, and community engagement of older adults and people with disabilities.

Accessibility – support ensuring the inclusion of people with disabilities by increasing accessibility to public places, housing, and transportation.

- (2) Steve Morrison (AARP) was selected Chairman and Rose Mario, (The Lewinsville Residences) was selected Vice Chair.
- (3) Discussion was also held on What Has Happened re: COVID-19, What Was the Biggest Surprise, What Happened to member's organizations, What was Improved, What have member's done. Members discussed the Lessons Learned related to Business Operations, Clinical Practice, and Client Interface.

Committee discussed forming a COVID Best Practices Sub-Committee (now titled COVID-19 Impact and Response Committee) to gather and share best practices; consider what is needed

to move forward, how best to plan for the near-term and make recommendations on county-wide actions which may be needed.

This committee has met several times since July 29th. The committee is

- (a) developing a description of a focus area, strategies to implement and recommendations in the following areas: Business Operations, Inequalities, Relationships and Well-being.
- (b) developing a survey for all members of the LTCCC to respond to that will help clarify ways they are enhancing the lives of older adults, and those with disabilities and their caregivers.
- (c) developing a resource list of services for older adults and those with disabilities