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**TO:** City of Fairfax Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Carolyn Sutterfield, Chair/City of Fairfax Representative,  
**SUBJECT:** Fairfax Area Commission on Aging  
**DATE:** April 26, 2021

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The Fairfax Area Commission on Aging (COA) continues to meet virtually on third Wednesdays of the month. Instructions for joining the meeting are published in the [Golden Gazette](#) and online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults). The next COA meeting is May 19 at 1 p.m.

- Addressing exploitation of elders

Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano visited the COA virtually on February 17. Mr. Descano described his department's functions as they relate to older adults and the public at large and said he wants to increase staff interaction with the community and awareness of local concerns. Speaking about recent increase in scams targeted at older residents, he advised those with caller ID to let unknown callers go to voicemail. If you do engage, he said, be wary of high-pressure tactics: "If it feels wrong or rushed, it's probably a scam."

- COVID-19 update from Fairfax County

On April 19, all states switched to using the CDC's national website ([www.VaccineFinder.org](http://www.VaccineFinder.org)), which allows people aged 16+ to choose a type of vaccine and locate pharmacies and doctor's offices near their zip code area who have it in stock. Appointments are still required. The Fairfax Health Department discontinued its online registration on April 18, but will make vaccination available for Phase 1 individuals who registered by then at a new, large-scale COVID-19 vaccination center (CVC) that opened April 20 in the former Lord & Taylor store at Tysons Corner. Organized by state and county officials and staffed by a contractor, the CVC is accessible by public transportation. After the remaining HD registrants have received their shots, the site will be listed on VaccineFinder.org.

Most of the short-term goals in the COVID-19 Response Plan for Older Adults (see my January report) have been achieved, including updates to the Older Adults page on the county's website ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults)). Entries in the plan's Think Tank Challenge for Addressing Social Isolation are being reviewed prior to a May 10 virtual judging event. Longer-term goals will be addressed when the COA, the Area Agency on Aging, and multiple county departments are able to resume drafting the proposed SHAPE the Future of Aging plan.

- HHHS executive changes

Chris Leonard, former director of Fairfax County's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), is the new Deputy County Executive for Health, Housing, and Human Services, replacing Tisha Deeghan, who retired on Feb. 1. Among the nine agencies, Leonard will oversee are the Health Department, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, and the departments of Family Services (DFS), NCS, and Housing and Community Development (HCD). Leonard's successor as director of NCS is Lloyd Tucker.

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- March 10 Fairfax County Affordable Housing Symposium

Fairfax County is committed to “No Net Loss” of existing affordable homes as well as producing a minimum of 5,000 new affordable homes by 2034. This year’s virtual symposium, hosted by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the George Mason University School of Business, featured experts in sessions on the impact of affordable housing on community health, educational institutions, and a strong economy. Find recorded presentations and panel discussions at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/2021housingsymposium>.

- Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs) to focus on equity

At the same time that Fairfax County Public Schools is examining ways that schools can address racial inequities and foster a welcoming environment, members of Fairfax County’s BACs are urged to apply an “equity lens” to their functions.

On April 17, more than 80 BAC representatives attended a half-day “Groundwater” training organized by DFS and the county’s Equity Office and led by the Racial Equity Institute. The COA will meet with DFS director Becketts to discuss this event at its May meeting.

Currently under discussion is a proposal to use Innovation Challenge funding granted to the Human Services Council to start a Fairfax County pilot of the Family Independence Initiative ([www.fii.org](http://www.fii.org)), a program that partners with government and philanthropic entities to “invest in the ingenuity and entrepreneurship of people in undervalued communities.” Related efforts have been mounted in several states. A team formed by HHHS executive Leonard to look into the proposal will report to the Board of Supervisors on June 29.

In closing, I am pleased to note that the Fairfax County Executive’s proposed FY 2022 budget contains no cuts to programs for older adults offered by the Area Agency on Aging or other county departments to county and city residents. My virtual testimony on behalf of the COA on April 14 praised this decision, as well as county staff’s implementation of the COVID-19 Response Plan for Older Adults.

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**To:** City of Fairfax Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Sandra Slappey Brown, Fairfax City Representative to the Fairfax/Falls Church CSB Board  
**Re:** Quarterly Report from the CSB Board, January through March 2021  
**Date:** April 21, 2021

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The CSB Board and its committees have now shifted to in-person meetings. Representatives are able to participate virtually only if they attest to reasons related to the pandemic.

## Potential Contracting of Services

In the prior quarter, the major topic of discussion had been the potential contracting of CSB services, particularly residential substance use treatment programs. At the February meeting, Director Washington announced that the CSB was suspending these efforts until 2023.

There had been many concerns voiced from consumers, staff and the community during Matters of the Public at each monthly CSB Board meeting for many months. There have been no calls from the public since the announcement was made.

## Workforce

Recruitment and retention of staff has been the major topic of discussion during this quarter. Vacancies have risen from about 90 at the start of the year to 110 at the end of March.

Time to treatment for both adults and children continues to be of concern, and this is directly attributed in large part to the vacancy rate.

The CSB is engaging a consultant to assist with conducting exit interviews and other actions to help uncover reasons for the turnover. The CSB also is considering bonuses for referral, retention, and sign on and streamlining the internal hiring and onboarding process.

## Psychiatric Bed Availability

The CSB has been sharing news articles about the challenges occurring at the state psychiatric hospitals due to staffing challenges across the Commonwealth.

[Virginia Mercury, April 21, 2021: Staffing shortages are overwhelming Virginia's psychiatric hospitals](#)

[Richmond Times-Dispatch, April 20, 2021 'Dangerously high' census at mental hospitals puts burden on law enforcement](#)

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## Budget

Key funding adjustments requested for FY 2022 include:

**Support Coordination** - An increase of \$1,060,602 and 9/9.0 FTE new positions to provide support coordination services to individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) in the community and comply with current state and federal requirements, primarily those pursuant to the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement and implementation of Virginia's Medicaid Waiver redesign, effective July 1, 2016. The expenditure increase is partially offset by an increase of \$382,669 in Medicaid Waiver revenue for a net cost to the County of \$677,933.

**Healthcare Business Operations** - An increase of \$475,480 and 4/4.0 FTE new positions will support a team to navigate the rules of more than six managed care organizations (insurance providers) to provide and bill for services provided by the CSB. The expenditure increase is completely offset by revenue for no net impact to the General Fund.

**Opioid Use Epidemic** - An increase of \$620,000 in Operating Expenses is included to continue addressing the growing opioid epidemic. In response to the opioid crisis facing our nation and local communities in Northern Virginia, the Board of Supervisors established an Opioid and Substance Use Task Force to help address the opioid epidemic locally. The primary goal is to reduce death from opioids through prevention, treatment, and harm reduction strategies. Funding is included to provide peer support services to assist with resource navigation services for individuals in need of services, and contracted detoxification and residential treatment services.

**Diversion First** - An increase of \$299,462 and 2/2.0 FTE to support the County's successful Diversion First initiative. Diversion First aims to reduce the number of people with mental illness in the County by diverting low-risk offenders experiencing a mental health crisis to treatment rather than bring them to jail. This funding will support direct clinical services with individuals in crisis and successful identification and intervention with individuals in need of diversion from incarceration.

## Additional Items of Interest:

- Daniel Herr came on board March 29<sup>th</sup> in the role of CSB Deputy Director for Administrative Operations, replacing Michael Neff who resigned effective January 22, 2021.
- The renovation of the crisis stabilization facility is anticipated to be complete this month. Services and staff are anticipated to move back to the 16-bed facility by the end of the month. This move will also resume capacity at two residential substance use treatment centers with staff from A New Beginning (ANB) moving from Crossroads back to ANB.
- Efforts continue to contract for development of a new Electronic Health Record (EHR).

**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:** April 2021

**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 February and March 2021

1. There are ongoing initiatives from Fairfax County to assist people with disabilities to access vaccinations.

Cynthia Alarico, Human Services Transportation, Mobility Manager

Created on February 11- Vaccine transportation service, Providing transportation to the vaccine appointment, waiting for client and returning client to home. Colin Brody  
Community Health Development Division, homebound vaccination program, partnership with the fire and rescue department.

2. Fairfax County provided a training to interested members of a variety of boards and commissions, on April 17, Building a Practical Understanding of Structural Racism

3. Review of Fairfax County FY 2022 Proposed Budget: See full budget document for details.

Department of Family Services- remained with the same funds or a slight increase.

Department of Neighborhood and Community Services- increase of funds in this area

Department of Housing and Community Development- a decrease of funding made through a decrease in real estate tax and funds will be reallocated.

Diversion First has a slight increase.

4. The FA-DSB is next scheduled to meet virtually in May 2021.

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**To:** City of Fairfax Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Andrew Wankum  
**Date:** April 26, 2021  
**Subject:** Health Systems Agency Board of Directors Report

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The Board of Directors for the Health Systems Agency of Northern VA (HSANV) makes recommendations to the Virginia Commissioner of Health on whether to grant a Certificate of Public Need (COPN) to health care providers before proposed acquisitions, expansions, or creations of health care facilities or provider offices are allowed. HSANV covers Planning District 8, which includes the cities of Fairfax, Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William.

Virginia law requires owners and sponsors of identified medical care facility projects to secure a Certificate of Public Need (COPN) from the State Health Commissioner prior to initiating projects such as general acute care services, perinatal services, diagnostic imaging services, cardiac services, general surgical services, organ transplantation services, medical rehabilitation services, psychiatric/substance abuse services, mental retardation services, lithotripsy services, miscellaneous capital expenditures and nursing facility services.

There are two healthcare projects from our planning district whose applications are still pending with the Virginia Commissioner of Health.

Annandale VA Opco, LLC (d/b/a Leewood Healthcare Center), add 25 beds (COPN Request VA- 8526). HSANV recommended denial of the application on January 7, 2021. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) has recommended approval of the application. An informal fact finding conference was held on February 24, 2021.

Reston Hospital Center, a COPN application seeking authorization of add 12 rehabilitation beds (COPN Request VA- 8540). HSANV recommended approval of the application on February 8, 2021. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff has also recommended approval of the application.

Below are the final decisions made by the Virginia Commissioner of Health on healthcare projects in our planning district.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Inova Reston MRI Center COPN application seeking authorization to establish a PET-CT service in Fairfax County (COPN Request VA- 8531). HSANV recommended approval of the application on December 7, 2020. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

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The Commissioner of Health has approved the PET of Reston COPN application seeking authorization to establish a PET-CT service in Fairfax County (COPN Request VA- 8537). HSANV recommended approval of the application on December 7, 2020. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Virginia Hospital to add Center COPN application seeking authorization to add 43 medical surgical beds (COPN Request VA-8519). HSANV recommended approval of the application on September 14, 2020. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center COPN application seeking authorization to establish a CT scanning service in Fairfax County, VA (COPN Request VA-8503). HSANV recommended approval of the application on June 29, 2020. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Franconia-Springfield Surgery Center COPN application seeking authorization to introduce mobile renal lithotripsy (COPN Request VA-8479). HSANV recommended approval of the application on February 10, 2020. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan COPN application seeking authorization to establish CT, MRI, PET-CT and non-cardiac nuclear medicine services in Woodbridge, VA (COPN Request VA-8468). HSANV recommended approval of the application on December 9, 2019. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has denied the Reston Hospital Center COPN application seeking authorization to expand its surgery service by establishing an open heart surgery program (COPN Request VA-8436). HSANV recommended denial of the application on May 20, 2018. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended that the application be denied. An informal fact finding conference (IFFC) was held on December 11, 2019.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan COPN application seeking authorization to establish an outpatient surgical hospital in Woodbridge, VA (COPN Request VA-8467). HSANV recommended

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approval of the application on October 14, 2019. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Franconia-Springfield Surgery Center COPN application seeking authorization to add one general purpose operating room (COPN Request VA-8465). HSANV recommended approval of the application on October 14, 2019. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Virginia Hospital Center Edison COPN application seeking authorization to establish an outpatient surgical hospital (COPN Request VA-8462). HSANV recommended approval of the application on October 14, 2019. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Loudoun Hospital Center COPN application seeking authorization to acquire a cardiac catheterization laboratory (COPN Request VA-8461). HSANV recommended approval of the application on October 14, 2019. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.



## Memorandum

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

CC: Lesley Abashian

From: Frank Franz, Fairfax City Board Chair, Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court  
Citizens Advisory Council

Date: April 25, 2021

Re: Report for the Period January 2021 - April 2021

- Two new judges were elected by the Virginia General Assembly for six year terms, beginning April 1, 2021
  - Melissa Sanchez Cardoce
  - Melinda VanLowe
    - Both judges are women of color
    - There are now three of eight judges of color on the JDRDC
- Due to the COVID 19 state of emergency, there is a significant back-up of cases.
- The JDR CAC was given a presentation by the Court Service Unit Racial and Ethnic Disparities Initiatives
  - While the JDRDC is working hard to reduce racial and ethnic disparities, juveniles held at the Juvenile Detention Facility are predominantly Black and Hispanic.
- During the April meeting, the CAC was given a presentation to better understand the roles and duties of School Resource Officers, who are assigned to all Fairfax high schools and some middle schools.
  - The Presentation was made by Annandale High School SRO David Curcio, who is a member of the JDRDC Citizens Advisory Council.
- At the invitation of JDRDC Director Mr. Robert Birmingham, I attended the ***Groundwater Approach: Building a Practical Understanding of Structural Racism*** webinar on Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 9am to 12pm.
  - The webinar's goal was for participants to "*understand the structural and institutional racial inequity in our society.*"
- As of April 8, 2021, there were 14 juveniles held at the Juvenile Detention Facility.
  - This number is amazingly low.
  - One reason for the low number is lower incidents of crime, overall.
  - Another reason is that Juvenile Courts are using home detention as an alternative to confinement.
  - The 14 juveniles being held at JDC are accused of the most serious crimes.

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City of Fairfax Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Suzanne Levy

**SUBJECT:** Library Report

**DATE:** April 26, 2021

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Current Library hours are:

Monday–Tuesday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.

Wednesday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

- There is still curbside pickup on Level G2 of the parking garage and telephone service if you are not ready to come inside. If you do, remember to wear your mask.
- Programming is still online and there are many things to choose from. Last night the Library and Fall for the Book sponsored an online program with author Kristin Hannah and over 3000 people from around the country signed on. Her new book is Four Winds but many of the comments highlighted her many other books. If you have not read her, give her a try.
- Correction from January 2021 Report: Wi-Fi at Fairfax Library. It is only available as a spillover from inside. With the concrete walls of the parking garage, County IT staff was not able to make Wi-Fi available in the garage levels. But there is still spillover from the interior Wi-Fi on the plaza in front of the library.
- There is a new searchable database of selected digitized items from the Virginia Room's photographic archive. Featured are downloadable images of historic Fairfax County buildings, events, people, places, and more. Check back frequently as new images are uploaded every week. See the link for the list of photos.  
<http://fcpl-vital.polarislibrary.com:8080/vital/access/manager/Repository>
- FCPL (along with the PG Library system) was asked to partner with our buddies at The Nationals for Josh Bell's Book Club which kicks off on May 23rd. This is a huge coup! FCPL's James Cullen, Assistant Branch Manager at the Sherwood Regional Library, will be our FCPL club moderator. [Josh Bell's Book Club | Washington Nationals \(mlb.com\)](#)
- To learn about Summer Reading keep an eye on the Library web site:  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/>

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City of Fairfax Mayor and City Council

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

**SUBJECT:** Quarterly Report from the LTCCC, January to March 2021

**DATE:** April 21, 2021

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The LTCCC committee is not meeting currently. However, the subcommittee titled ***COVID-19 Impact and Response Committee*** has continued to identify areas of concern for disabled and older adults and continues to meet every other week and has done the following:

- Continued to hear from organizations who have provided or are providing services to older adults and adults with disabilities. This information has been compiled into a summary document. These organizations were also asked to identify needed community partnerships to help them further their service goals.
- Tracked information for the members of the LTCCC on ways the COVID vaccine could be accessed and identified areas that were problematic for their populations.
- Recommendations for changes to the COVID vaccine communications and access process were provided to the Fairfax County's High Risk Community Task Force (HRCTF) representative (Patricia Rohrer) and many of these recommendations were accepted and action taken to remedy the problems to communications and access.
- The committee developed a proposal for the Fairfax Area Think Tank COVID-19 Challenge which was submitted on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The committee is awaiting a decision on whether this proposal was accepted.

This committee will continue to address other priority issues identified for this population thru December 2021.