

# Memorandum

To: City of Fairfax Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Borash, Fairfax City Rep. to the Fairfax ASAP

Re: Quarterly Report from the Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Prog.

Date: July 22, 2022

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FY 2023 proposed Budget was approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on May 10, 2022.

Director Elwood Jones noted that the Fairfax ASAP does not have designated revenue from either the Commonwealth or the County. Client fees for ASAP enrollment have remained the same since 1986. Revenue has been negatively impacted by General District Court Judges waiving the ASAP fees for certain offenders. The ASAP has been meeting with new judges to inform and orient about the program particulars as well as the importance of client fees not being waived. (Fund statement attached).

Director Jones reported that the Alexandria ASAP has been shut down. The referral numbers to that ASAP had dramatically dropped off to about seventeen referrals monthly which are not adequate numbers to financially sustain the program. The VASAP Commission is attempting to restructure the program.

The Policy Board discussed the use of medical marijuana by those offenders referred to treatment programs requiring abstinence from all illicit drugs. The VASAP Commission's position is that medical marijuana use is not a cause for program violation however treatment programs may still require their ASAP referrals to maintain total abstinence from all illicit drugs.

The Fairfax ASAP Policy Board meetings are well attended with a great deal of expertise, interest and input among its members.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael H. Borash

Fairfax City Representative to the Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program.

# MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Andre Lee, Fairfax City Representative to the Fairfax County Advisory Social Services Board (ASSB)

**SUBJECT:** Quarterly Report from the ASSB, May through July 2022

**DATE:** July 20, 2022

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The ASSB continues to monitor the formation and implementation of social welfare programs, hearing from representatives of the Department of Family Services (DFS) to provide feedback on its various service performances and future plans. The ASSB did not meet in May due to the unavailability of board members and inability to attain a quorum. Otherwise, the ASSB meets virtually every month and has done the following:

- In June, DFS shared their *2022 This is Us: The Department of Family Services Strategic Framework*.
- There are currently no items of concern on the 2023 Legislative Agenda, but the DFS is looking at potential support for program pilots involving SNAP benefits.
- Director Becketts introduced the Safe & Sound Taskforce to address the state's foster care situation where child homelessness increased due to the pandemic and closing of group homes.
- Vincent Rogers, Director of Policy and Compliance for the Department of Housing & Community Development, presented an update on Housing & Homelessness in Fairfax County, rental subsidies, and the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), and available housing provided by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA).
  
- In July, DFS Deputy Director Alycia Blackwell informed the board about budget approved and funded plans for foster home care dedicated to the Safe and Sound Task Force. Formal recommendations by the force are in development.
- Medicaid redetermination waivers (deferring the need for renewals for benefits) were extended until October, and Alycia predicts that the waiver will continue (i.e., extended one more time til January) for political reasons because October will be midterm election season.
- DFS Human Resources Director Robyn Walden shared the latest news on DFS Recruitment and Retention Strategies, including:
  - Creation of a recruitment workgroup to identify ground level issues.
  - Reclassification of vacancies to address needs.
  - Upgrading social media presence to tout county benefits and employment opportunities.
  - Revamping compensation levels (huge reason for turnover, especially for those leaving within 0-2 years of employment within the county).

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- Reviewed FOIA updates and adopted the all-virtual meeting public meeting and remote participation policies.

# Memorandum

To: Fairfax City Council  
From: Andrew Wankum  
Date: July 25, 2022  
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.

## **Certificate of Public Need Activities**

### **A. Commissioner of Health COPN Decisions**

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Virginia Hospital Center COPN application to establish a CT scanning service, COPN Request VA-8559. HSANV recommended approval of the application on December 13, 2021. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Inova Health Care Services COPN application to establish a CT scanning service, COPN Request VA-8595. HSANV recommended approval of the application on December 13, 2021. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Inova Fairfax Hospital COPN application to expand its CT scanning service, COPN Request VA-8596. HSANV recommended approval of the application on December 13, 2021. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Northern Virginia COPN application to add 20 Rehabilitation Beds, COPN Request VA-8605. HSANV recommended approval of the application on January 24, 2022. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Stonesprings Hospital Center COPN application to expand its CT scanning service, COPN Request VA-8603. HSANV recommended approval of the application on December 13, 2021. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital COPN application to expand its inpatient psychiatric service, COPN Request VA-8588. HSANV recommended approval of the application on November 15, 2021. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

The Commissioner of Health has approved the Inova Ambulatory Surgery Center at Lorton seeking authorization to add a general-purpose operating room (COPN Request VA- 8548). HSANV recommended approval of the application on April 12, 2021. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff also recommended approval of the application.

## **B. Commissioner of Health COPN Decisions Pending**

Inova Health Care Services, a COPN application to replace and relocate Inova Alexandria Hospital (Landmark), COPN Request VA-8612. HSANV recommended approval of the application on March 14, 2022. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff have recommended conditional approval of the application.

Woodburn Nuclear Medicine, a COPN application seeking authorization to establish CT scanning service in Fairfax County, Virginia (COPN Request VA-8624). HSANV recommended approval of the application on June 13, 2022.

IFRC, LLC, a COPN application seeking authorization to establish CT scanning service in Fairfax, County Virginia (COPN Request VA-8633). HSANV recommended approval of the application on June 13, 2022.

Reston Hospital Center, a COPN application seeking authorization to establish CT scanning service in Woodbridge, Virginia (COPN Request VA-8635). HSANV recommended denial of the application on June 13, 2022.

Loudoun Medical Group, a COPN application seeking authorization to establish CT scanning service in Leesburg, Virginia (COPN Request VA-8639). HSANV recommended approval of the application on June 13, 2022.

## **C. Applications with Informal Fact-Finding Conferences (IFFCs) Pending**

Inova Health Care Services, a COPN application to replace and relocate Inova Alexandria Hospital (Springfield), COPN Request VA-8613. HSANV recommended approval of the application on March 14, 2022. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff have recommended conditional approval of the application.

Reston Hospital Center, a COPN application to establish an open heart surgery service, COPN Request VA-8621. HSANV recommended denial of the application on May 9, 2022. Virginia Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN) staff has recommended conditional approval of the application.

## **Hearing(s) or HSANV Board Action Pending**

The Cardiovascular Group, PC, a COPN application seeking authorization to establish a cardiac PET-CT service in Fairfax County, Virginia (COPN Request VA-8625).

Inova Reston MRI Center, a COPN application seeking authorization to establish an MRI service in Fairfax County, Virginia (COPN Request VA-8632).

Ashburn Propco, LLC, a COPN application seeking authorization to establish a 120 bed nursing home in Loudoun County, Virginia (COPN Request VA-8634).

Reston Hospital Center, a COPN application seeking authorization to establish CT scanning service in Fairfax, County Virginia (COPN Request VA-8636).

Carient Heart and Vascular, a COPN application seeking authorization to establish a cardiac PET-CT service in Vienna, Virginia (COPN Request VA-8626).

## MEMORANDUM

**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, April through June 2022

**Date:** July 23, 2022

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The CSB Board and its committees returned to in-person meetings as of April 2022.

### Center Renaming

The Merrifield Center for Mental Health was renamed the Sharon Bulova Center for Community Health.

### CSB Board Meeting Schedule

The Board voted to amend the by-laws to allow 9 CSB Board meetings each year. The plan moving forward is to take off in April, August, and December.

### Health and Human Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors

There will be a presentation on July 26, 2022 about Youth Mental Health and Substance Abuse in Fairfax.

The DRAFT 2023 Fairfax County Human Services Issue Paper is out for review. I have included that with my email. Priorities are: Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention; Behavioral Health, Public Safety and the Criminal Justice System; and Substance Use Disorder. Issues in the Behavioral Health section are: STEP-VA and Marcus Alert, Emergency Responsiveness, and Services for Transition Age Youth.

### Regional Crisis Call Center

Staff is developing the protocols for transferring calls from 911 dispatch to the new regional crisis call center.

### CSB Workforce Crisis

This problem continues and the number of vacancies has remained high (150-180 vacancies at any given time since last January). In addition to vacancies, higher numbers of staff have again been testing positive for COVID (10-15 per week). This is having a serious impact on the number of clients who can be served.

The CSB already had temporarily closed the Partial Hospitalization and New Generations Programs so that staff could be reassigned to other programs that are gravely affected due to vacancies. The agency recently had to pause their Detox Diversion program as well.



HR is doing generic job ads instead of multiple ads for various positions so that candidates can be considered for multiple positions. A longer term strategy has been that staff compensation increases have been made by the county, increasing salaries by 5-10%.

**Fairfax Area Commission on Aging (COA): Quarterly Report to the Mayor and City Council**  
Submitted by Carolyn Sutterfield, City of Fairfax Representative/COA Secretary, July 21, 2022

**Fairfax County and Fairfax Area Agency on Aging (AAA) news**

*County budget adopted.* The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted the FY 2023 budget on May 10. During mark-up, the BOS added \$825,000 for Health and Human Services contract rate increases and \$10 million for affordable housing.

*Needs Assessment released.* The county's Department of Management and Budget released the first part of its 2022 Needs Assessment, the section focusing on Economic Factors, on June 30. Sections on Health and Transportation will follow. The Needs Assessment is compiled and published every three years, building on data from previous releases. This first section examines current conditions for residents and communities, identifies emerging and ongoing needs in the Fairfax community, and supports decision making in alignment with the Countywide Strategic Plan, the Budget, and the One Fairfax policy. The full document is online at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/72d58f3cd462459194424824940c2285>.

*Fairfax Area Agency on Aging updates:*

- May was observed in Fairfax County as Older Americans and Elder Abuse month. The theme for 2022 was "Age My Way."
- The AAA has chosen Health Management Associates to coordinate the SHAPE strategic plan process and capture information from focus groups and other outside inputs.
- The AAA is preparing a new four-year Area Plan to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitation (DARS). Funding for the AAA has been reduced by 2.5%, but service categories are unchanged and no programs will be cut. A program to track social isolation/loneliness among older residents and those with disabilities will be added to the Area Plan.
- AAA staff are scheduled to meet with the CASOA survey vendor in late July to hear an overview of survey results. The information will be presented to the COA in September.
- Supervisor Palchik, Providence District, is hosting an Older Adults Roundtable discussion on Caregiving on Thursday, July 28, from 7 to 8:30pm. It will stream on Channel 16.

**Fairfax Area Commission on Aging Interim Workplan: SWOT Analysis to Support Development of the "SHAPE the Future of Aging" Plan**

In July, the COA wrapped up its background research into strengths and weaknesses of what Fairfax County currently provides for the area's older adults in key service areas. The final three presentations and discussions were the following:

- *State of Personal Well-Being.* In May, four representatives of Fairfax County programs responded to questions submitted by COA members about how their teams support the health and well-being of older residents. Panelists included Karen Hannigan, Supervisor of the Aging, Disabilities & Caregiver Resources (ADCR) hotline, 703-324-7948; Laura

Nichols, Director of the Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program; Marla Zometsky, Manager of the Wellness, Health Promotion, and Prevention program at the Fairfax–Falls Church Community Services Board; and Karen Albers-Froehlich, Director of the Lincolnia Senior Center.

- *Economic Stability and Planning.* In June, Shane Rock, CEO of the Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington (JCA), described the 50+ Employment Expos held several times a year in the Maryland and Virginia suburbs of Washington. These free events are designed to assist older job seekers in re-entering the job market or changing fields.
- *State of Access to Mobility Options.* In July, Glenn Padeway, Human Services Transportation Manager, and Cynthia Alarico, Mobility Manager in the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, updated commissioners on Fastran, the TOPS swipe card program, and other details on transportation for older adults and people with disabilities or identified life-supporting medical services.

Details of these discussions can be found in the COA monthly meeting minutes at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/older-adults/fairfax-area-commission-on-aging/meetings>. My term as Secretary of the COA will end on August 31.

### **Fairfax Village in the City**

In my role as Vice Chair of the Village Advisory Board, I helped Village Coordinator Jason Scadron to staff information tables at the Fairfax Funky Flea markets and at the Saturday Farmers Market. I also wrote an introductory letter promoting Village membership and volunteering to be sent to neighborhood association leaders throughout the city and participated in a planning session for a Village leaders retreat to be held in September.

**Modified Operating Hours**

- Beginning the week of August 14<sup>th</sup>, FCPL will adjust its operating status due to ongoing staff recruitment challenges.
- New hours will require only a single shift of employees per day.
- New hours are:
  - Regional Libraries: Monday-Tuesday 1pm-9pm & Wednesday-Sunday 10am-6pm
  - Community Libraries: Monday 1pm-9pm & Tuesday-Saturday 10am-6pm

**Summer Reading Adventure**

- Fairfax residents from preschool to adulthood can dive in to Oceans of Possibilities with our Summer Reading Adventure! The [activities-based summer reading fun](#) runs through Aug. 12. Participants can participate online or with paper logs available for download from FCPL's website and at all branches.
- Everyone who finishes the program will receive coupon sheets for summer treats and activities, including outings at Fairfax County Park Authority!
- Branches are offering summer reading related events both virtually and in person this year. We have events for [preschoolers](#), [school-age children](#), [teens](#), and [adults](#).

**Conserve & Connect Kits**

- Fairfax County Public Library is expanding its Library of Things and this spring introduced [Conserve \[Energy\] Kits](#) and [Connect Kits](#)!
- Conserve Kits contain tools, such as a kilowatt usage meter, laser thermometer and caulking gun, to help you understand how much energy various home appliances and devices use and then make tweaks to conserve it! Conserve Kits may be borrowed for two weeks, may be placed on hold and may be picked up at one of 5 branches:
  - Chantilly Regional library
  - George Mason Regional library
  - Pohick Regional library
  - Reston Regional library
  - Sherwood Regional library
- Connect Kits include Chromebook computers and Wi-Fi hotspots so you can connect to the internet from anywhere. Connect Kits can be checked out for two weeks by customers 18 and older from the following branches:
  - Centreville Regional Library
  - City of Fairfax Regional Library
  - George Mason Regional Library
  - Reston Regional Library
  - Sherwood Regional Library

## **Casey McQuiston**

- Virtually meet romance writer Casey McQuiston, author of Red, White and Royal Blue and One Last Stop Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.
- She will discuss her books and process for writing romantic stories. Casey will also answer questions from her fans.
- [Registration opens July 20!](#)

## **Updated Public Email Messaging**

- Beginning on Thursday, June 9th, FCPL began sending updated ILS email notices. The notices will have a more modern, attractive and streamlined look, thanks to Library Marketing and Communication.
- The Library is now using the MessageBee service, which also allows for better monitoring of open emails and click-thrus.
- FCPL is also now able to split the auto-renew reminders into "renewed" and "not renewed" emails that will end some of the confusion customers had with auto-renewed notifications.

**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:** July 2022

**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 in May and June 2022, they did not meet in July 2022. The meetings continue to be virtual with plans to meet in person in the near future.

The FA-DSB continues to work on the following priorities for 2022

1. Educational campaign regarding reasonable accommodations and lease-breaking measures
2. Increased housing for residents with disabilities— particularly multi-bedroom housing
3. Increased employment by county government of people with disabilities, with putting needed supports in place. Governor Glenn Youngkin- announced the implementation of an alternative hiring process for individuals with disabilities.

(<https://www.dhrm.virginia.gov/docs/default-source/hrpolicy/policyguides/alternative-hiring-process-guidance.pdf> )

The process embeds employment of individuals with differing abilities as part of standard hiring policy and the state work culture. Applicants with documented disabilities, as certified by a DARS certified rehabilitation counselor, are eligible for consideration. Interested applicants when applying to state jobs will upload a Certificate of Disability to their application. The applicants may receive priority consideration during the recruitment process. Agencies are strongly recommended to provide a 6 month provisional period to these new hires to ensure accommodation needs are met and employees are set up for success.

4. Improved regional transportation options (public and private/rideshare) for people with disabilities- Starting in September there will be a “Wayfinding system” installed within Metro stations for individuals who are blind or with low vision. It will allow accessibility via an app called WAYMAP.

There is a new app that helps disabled individuals with pumping gas: Fuelservice  
Fairfax County has an initiative called TOPS Pilot that is a limited time program to introduce older adults and those with disabilities to TOPS, a program that issues subsidized funds on a transportation debit card to access a range of transportation options and services. Visit: [fairfaxcounty.gov/NCS](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/NCS) (search TOPS PILOT)

5. Ensure all county buildings and facilities meet ADA requirements
6. Accessibility of all county websites and online services and activities- there are ongoing discussions to evaluate the accessibility of the county website to people with disabilities and a beginning of discussions with the Office of Elections and General Registrar to update the county’s webpage to support people with disabilities, both prior to and during the voting process.
7. Accessibility education for area businesses
8. Increased participation in other boards and committees and ensure that they are accessible to all persons with disabilities
9. Training other boards- we are looking at having a disability awareness/etiquette program that would be available to all the boards/commissions in Fairfax County.

Please let me know if you have additional questions on any of these initiatives.

## Memorandum

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

CC: Lesley Abashian

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

Date: July 25, 2022

Re: Report for the Period May 2022 - July 2022 (The JDRDC CAC met only in June during this period)

- The backlog of cases that occurred because of the pandemic has been resolved.
- Same-day docketing continues and seems to be working well.
  - No longer do litigants have to wait days to hear from the court as to when their first court date will be.
  - Litigants find out at the clerk's window where they file their paperwork.
- Four of the eight JDRDC judges have been operating a paperless docket with their civil cases.
  - The remaining four judges will be moving to a paperless docket for civil cases in the near future.
- The court faced a court clerk staffing shortage in the past year but is now fully staffed.
  - The result is that only four of the 13 clerks are fully trained at this point.
- Diversion statistics:
  - 87% of those who have gone through the diversion first process have not re-offended.
- Judge Sotelo made a presentation to a group of judges from Vietnam at the invitation of the state department.
- The JDRDC judges have seen a rise in disrespect to the institution by litigants.

## 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, April to June 2022  
**Date:** July 25, 2022

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The LTCCC committee met virtually May 11, 2022.

During that meeting, it was announced that the LTC program was being moved from the Health Department to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS). The goal of this move was to align same service functions on a continuum of care that could more efficiently and functionally deliver services to the community. The work of the NCS falls under four broad categories: 1) Access to Community Resources and Programs, 2) Regional Services and Center Operations, 3) Community Impact Unit, and 4) Office for Children. The work of the LTCCC will fall into the Community Impact Unit.

Information was presented on the New Cherry Blossom PACE program for medically eligible persons who may need nursing home care but wish to receive these services at home. This program is covered by either private pay or Medicare/Medicaid. It is located in Alexandria.

Rose Mario Risley is the new Chair of the LTCCC and Orlene Grant is the new Vice Chair.

*The Government Affairs Committee* presented a report on their testimony to the Fairfax BOS relative to whether the county has enough resources for a uniform approach to ADA accommodations across county agencies was raised; in particular, for the public who need these accommodations to communicate with agency staff or to participate in events and meetings presented by the county. The ADA Coordination Team was invited to meet with this committee and heard concerns recommendations for them to consider.

*The Equity in Aging Disabilities Committee* also made a report on their activities. They have completed a questionnaire to help assess the information and support needs of the LTCCC member organizations to apply an “equity lens” to operations and practices. The questionnaire is currently being converted to Survey Monkey and will be distributed the latter part of May or first week of June. Plans are to utilize this information to create toolkits, templates and resources for the members and we are exploring making these available on the LTCCC website.



The Social Connection Committee will not meet until Jun, and then will meet monthly thru the end of the year.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2022.