

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Anita Light, Fairfax City Representative to the Fairfax County Coordinating Council Of Aging and Adults with Disabilities
Re: Quarterly Report from the CCAAD, April to June 2024 and Fairfax Village in the City, April to June 2024
Date: July 21, 2024

This report will cover Q1 March 2024 meeting of CCAAD and Q2 of 2024 of the CCAAD, the Social Committee of the CCAAD, and the Fairfax Village in the City.

The CCAAD committee met in person for March 13, 2024 for the Q1 report. The CCAAD met on May 8, 2024. In addition, the Social Connections Sub-committee of the CCAAD also met March 6, 2024, April 3, 2024, and May 1, 2024, and June 5, 2024.

This report also includes a summary of activities of the Fairfax Village in the City for April -June, 2024.

At the March 13, 2024 CCAAD meeting, the following presentations were made:

1. **Proposed Fairfax County Budget for Fiscal Year 2025** – Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health, Housing & Human Services presented FY 2025 Advertised Budget Highlights: The County reports modest revenue growth with real estate tax base increasing 2.73 percent. The board of Supervisors advertised the maximum tax rate increase at 4%.

There are proposed fee increases such as a proposed \$75 cost from \$48 for an annual senior center membership and an increase for adult day health care sliding scale from \$16-109 to \$19-\$128. Therapeutic Recreation Services has a proposed 15% increase to alignment with School Age Child Care (SACC) program sliding fee scale.

Targeted investments include a contract rate increase for providers contracted through HHS agencies. There is also a proposed 5% increase for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP). That will mean over \$14 million in funding going to service providers.

Another proposed budget item includes 2 million in funding for 7 FTE support coordinator positions at the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) to manage new developmental disability waiver slots expected from the State for Fairfax County citizens currently on the waitlist. Over half of the Virginia waiver waitlist is in Fairfax County. Another investment will be in meal home delivery services for the elderly, which is expected to be \$310,000 to support program growth. The budget includes over \$776,000 in funding for support positions for the Healthy Laboratory to accommodate the increased testing requirements associated with the Covid-19 pandemic and \$563,757 in funding for 5 FTE positions to support affordable housing efforts. The budget also includes \$250,000 in additional funding for the TOPS program, which provides an additional two trips for users.

Fastran will move from Neighbor & Community Services (NCS) to the Department of Transportation to leverage route planning expertise and contracting opportunities.

2. **Specially Adapted Resource Clubs (SPARC)** - Carolyn Cukierman introduced Debi Alexander, Executive Director who presented on SPARC. SPARC has been a Long Term Coordinating Council project since 2001, when they studied long-term care in Fairfax County, and it was determined that there were gaps for individuals with severe and multiple disabilities. SPARC started at Southgate in Reston. Today, SPARC is operating in Reston, Herndon, McLean, Vienna, and Arlington serving 52 adults. They are currently at capacity and with many kids graduating, they need more space. Seven families are currently going through intake. SPARC provides a day program for individuals for disabilities at community centers and in the community. SPARC received the 2024 Nonprofit Organization Leadership Award from Leadership Fairfax. SPARC participants and Debi Alexander also participate in advocacy at the Virginia state legislature to secure permanent funding for the organization.
3. **Jake's Ice Cream & Popcorn, a business operated by Young Adults with Disabilities** – Robin Rinearson, Owner, presented. Aaron Rebeck introduced Robin Rinearson. She is a retired ophthalmologist after 44 years of practice. She has a nephew named Jake, who is disabled, and lost his job during the pandemic along with 17 other people. She kept her practice open during Covid and she saw that it was possible to keep people employed with safeguards in place. So, she decided to open a business to provide jobs for Jake and individuals with similar circumstances. She funded the ice cream shop with no loans, and it can support itself. She has 24 people with disabilities who work there year-round because of the need for a job coach. Payroll is her biggest expense. Both the ice cream shop and popcorn shop employ people ages 20-59 who are disabled. Both companies train staff individually and in a mentor capacity by higher-functioning staff and managers and both companies involve the staff in community outreach. She has interns from Arlington PEP and City of Alexandria HS. They offer fundraisers called "Create Your Own Ice Cream." They use a change making calculator from an app that was created for them.

At the May 8, 2024 CCAAD meeting the following presentations were made:

1. **Equity in Emergency Management Presentation.** Danielle Waite, Kadhambari Sridhar, and Christopher Eddy, Community Preparedness Specialists of the Fairfax County Health Department's Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response, were introduced by Orlene Grant.

The presentation examined the County Health Department's role in emergencies, community preparedness for these emergencies with an emphasis on equity in community outreach and implementation, and a summary of present emergency program offerings. The Health Department has a lead role in addressing medical outbreaks and pandemics, bioterrorism, environmental incidents, and fatality management. The Health Department has a supporting role in preparing for and responding to severe weather, mass case scenarios, and radiological and chemical incidents.

Along with identification of the physical needs of individuals, the Health Department is concerned with the cultural competency of individuals and groups to be able to receive health notices and warnings, to know how to react and take action, and the physical resources available to them to be able to do so. In this regard, there is a major effort within this Health Department team to train researchers and health professionals to think and act outside of the usual norms. They do not want health care providers to perpetuate harmful

mindsets and attitudes. This is outlined in their Rules of Engagement with the acronym **ERASE**. **ERASE** stands for **Empower** public health staff at all levels to move equity forward, **Recognize** the ethical and moral implications of the role of public health workers, **Ally** with partners to bridge service gaps beyond the scope of the Health Department, **Sustain** intrapersonal and interpersonal awareness, and finally, to **Engage** with leadership to evolve organizational policies attuned to health equity.

The Health Department is providing technical assistance to Long Term Care facilities, including Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities. Health Department personnel are implementing Vulnerability Assessments in these communities to minimize risks from disasters. Noted was the Health Department may not be able to stop disasters from coming, but they strive to prevent disasters from bowling over resources. There are also outreach programs to people living independently, to Home Health Agencies and Home Health providers, including both professionals and family members serving as caregivers. The goal of the Health Department is that Fairfax County is prepared for future emergencies and preparation begins at the grass roots level.

The Social Connections Committee met April 3, 2024, May 1, 2024, and June 5, 2024.

The primary work of the committee during this quarter continues to be kept informed of the progress of the development of the SHAPE Plan and its impact on the work of the Social Connections Committee. Additionally, the committee has developed the parameters for a pilot that focuses on how informed members of the CCAAD are relative to the Surgeon General's report on the epidemic of social isolation and loneliness. It is the belief of the committee that if organizations understand the impact of social isolation on the overall health and well-being on older adults and adults with disabilities, services and programs can be developed and implemented to serve this population. The pilot has been proposed and agreed to by the Steering Committee of the CCAAD as well as the Personal Well-being component of the SHAPE committee. Plans are being made to finalize the parameters and the committee looks toward implementation in January 2025.

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Fairfax Village in the City Advisory Board met April 24, 2024, May 22, 2024, and June 26, 2024. Primary activities include the following:

- The Village conducted the **second annual Home for Life Expo** at the Sherwood Center on April 12, 2024. It was well attended by over 200 participants and as previously reported, there were 36 exhibitors, 4 speakers, and 6 sponsors. The evaluations were outstanding again and the Advisory Board is eager to begin planning again for Expo 2025. This is currently scheduled for April 4, 2024.
- The Board agreed to conduct a **Village Member Satisfaction Survey** and a team consisting of two Board members and three city staff was convened to develop the survey and help with administering it. The survey – the first part of a 4-part comprehensive survey to include both members, volunteers, Advisory Board, and staff - went out in April with a due date 30 days out. The results are being compiled and will be used to inform and results should be compiled by June 2024.
- **Officer Elections** took place on May 28, 2024 and Anita Light will serve as Chairperson for a two year term, Carolyn Sutterfield will serve as Vice-chairperson for one year term,

and Manisha Maskay will serve as Recording Secretary for a one year term based on the revised bylaws from February 2024.

- A **Friday Morning Speaker Series** had two presentations during this reporting period held at the Sherwood Center. The first was on June 14, 2024 from AARP titled “HomeFit Workshop – How to Modify Your Home for Safety and Comfort”. The second program was on June 29, 2024 and was also from AARP titled “Spotting Scams and Staying Safe”. Each program was well attended.
- The **Village Annual Report** was completed in June 2024 and will be presented to City Council on July 9, 2024.
- Jason Scadron, Carolyn Sutterfield, and Manisha Maskay attended the **Virginia Village Collective** on May 16, 2024, in Locust Grove, Va. The primary goal of the meeting was to hear from Virginia Village leaders about their priorities and needs. The collective has been functioning for 2 years and focuses on advocacy among other things. The meeting included a presentation about the importance of connecting with legislators when they are in their home offices to inform them about the Village movement and the accomplishments of Villages in their jurisdiction. Speakers emphasized the importance of storytelling and recommended that every village should capture, record, and maintain a repository of stories on an ongoing basis. Attendees were interested in our model since it is the only city supported Village.
- **National Virtual Summit Presentation:** The Fairfax Village in the City submission, entitled ‘Know What you Need to do Well to Make an Impact’ was accepted for the National Virtual Village Gathering to be held on September 25-26, 2024. Fairfax Village in the City is a unique Model because there are very few parent-supported villages in the country, although it seems that other groups are trying to get similar support and funding.
- **Wave Plus Virtual Summit:** Anita Light facilitated this virtual summit on July 9, 2024 that included village members from the 5-State area of Maryland, Virginia, DC, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and West Virginia. This initiative is a national research project supported by Village to Village Network, Rand Corporation and Rutgers University to examine the types of research needed to demonstrate to decision-makers a village’s value to a community.

New Assignment

- **Suzanne Levy** was elected Chair of the Library Board of Trustees as of July 1

Library Celebrates 85th Anniversary

- **Board of Supervisors** recognized the 85th Anniversary of FCPL at July 16 Meeting

New Fairfax City Branch Managers

- **Alana Quarles** is the new Branch Manager and **Gabi Huesca** is the new Asst. Branch Manager

Summer Reading Adventure

- This year's **Summer Reading Adventure**, which runs from **June 12 to August 18**, is appropriately themed – **Adventure Begins at Your Library**. From the adventures found in the pages of a good book to the events and programs planned, there is an adventure for everyone waiting at the library.
- Sign up online using Beanstack or print paper logs (also available at your local branch). Information on registration can be found at **bit.ly/FCPL_SRA**.
- FCPL is also offering fun for all ages all summer long — including contests, animal presentations, the Park Authority's Wonder Wagon, Dinoman Dinosaurs, ArtSplash, Rocknosceros, Kaydee Puppets, African dance and drumming, author events, and more. A full calendar of events can be found at **bit.ly/FCPL_SRAEvents**.

The World We Write Short Story Contest

- July 1-31, Fairfax County Public Library and the Fairfax Library Foundation invite school-age youth (grades 3-6), teens (grades 7-12) and adults (18+) to participate in our **second annual "The World We Write" short story writing contest**.
- More information can be found at: **bit.ly/FCPL_WorldWeWrite**

Reston Regional Library Facility Refresh

- **Reston Regional Library is closed to the public this summer for a facility refresh.**

ALL FAIRFAX READS: September 1-Oct 31

- **All Fairfax Reads is a one book, one community event.** The goal is to encourage people to come together to read the same book.

- This year's book is ***Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin**. This year would have been his 100th birthday and FCPL is partnering with GMU - <https://cheusecenter.gmu.edu/baldwin100>. They have planned a year-long celebration of Mr. Baldwin.
- Activities will include book discussions, movies, author events, etc. based on the book or the book's theme.
- More information can be found at <https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/adult/all-fairfax-read>.

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To: City of Fairfax Mayor and City Council

From: Diane Monnig, City Representative to the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board

Re: Quarterly Report April-June 2024

Date: July 23,2024

- The FA-DSB met in May and June 2024. The board does not meet in April.
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- The board added to our list of initiatives to educate, advocate, and suggest innovative strategies to promote accessible housing. Efforts will be measured via policies, permits, partnerships, and projects.
- The DSB is partnering with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging to seek community input to identify systemic gaps in service and/or barriers Fairfax County residents with disabilities face. Two virtual community forums will be held and will focus on topics such as services for older adults and family caregivers, housing and neighborhood supports, access to mobility options, personal well-being, and economic stability and planning. The forums will be held on July 31st and August 2nd. A flyer is attached with more details.
- Supervisor Bierman is introducing a proclamation in July in celebration of the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Board of Supervisors will be recognizing it at their board meeting on Tuesday, July 30. David Simon, as FA-DSB Chair, will be invited to say a few words on the significance of the ADA and this proclamation.

Memorandum

To: The Honorable Mayor Catherine Read and Fairfax City Council

CC: Lesley Abashian

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

Date: July 25, 2024

Re: Report for July 2024

- Due to decreased meeting attendance, the JDRDC CAC voted to amend our bylaws from monthly to quarterly meetings. At the June meeting, the agendas were set for the next year of meetings, beginning in September 2024.
- At our March meeting, Adrienne Landolfi, Director of the Assessment Unit gave a detailed presentation of the process and all that goes into the placement of each juvenile as a part of their supervision.
- Representatives from Manitowoc County, Wisconsin were part of a two-day visit to learn about diversion and alternatives to incarceration.
- Judge Carr is retiring after 30 years on the bench. The General Assembly confirmed a new judge so the court will have continuity. Chief Judge Sotelo pointed out that with recent retirements, the court as a whole is young.
- Fairfax County has asked the court to submit a budget that reflects a 10% reduction which will impact court services negatively.

Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Patti DeiTos, Fairfax City Representative to the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia (HSANV)

Re: Quarterly report from April 2024 to June 2024

Date: July 22, 2024

This report covers the committee activities of HSANV from April 2024 to June 2024. The committee met in person 3 times as listed below. The report includes a summary of the Certificate of Public Need (COPN) for Northern Virginia. The committee recommendations are submitted to the Virginia Department of Health to provide determination for final decisions on COPN applications

April meeting was the first committee meeting attended after appointment to the HSANV. During the June committee meeting, the 2024 – 2025 HSANV offices and executive committee positions were voted on and have been voted to be second vice chairperson position for the 2024 – 2025.

Here is a summary of the meeting activities:

On April 24, 2024 meeting – the committee approved a COPN (certificate of public need) application for VHC Health, Establish Specialty Hospital (COPN Request VA-8744) VHC Health, the operator of Virginia Hospital Center (VHC) and several satellite outpatient medical care facilities¹, proposes to establish a new 146-bed hospital in Arlington, VA. The facility, which the application refers to as the “Wellness Hospital”, would have two specialty units: a 96-bed mental health (psychiatric and substance abuse) service and a 50-bed medical rehabilitation service. The project entails the relocation of 62 Virginia Hospital Center beds to the new facility, 42 of VHC’s 56 psychiatric beds and all 20 of its rehabilitation beds. This would result in net increases of 54 licensed acute psychiatric beds and 30 medical rehabilitation beds, a net increase of 84 beds in the VHC Health’s licensed bed capacity. Space vacated by beds being taken out of service at Virginia Hospital Center would be renovated and converted to other uses. The changes at VHC would include a renovated 14-bed psychiatric unit. Estimated capital costs total \$161,643,233, more than three-fourths of which (\$127,494,097) is direct construction expense. Most of the remainder (\$34,149,136) would be for site acquisition and development, equipment and furnishings, and professional fees (e.g., architectural, engineering). All capital costs would be paid from internal VHC funds. There would be no direct, project specific financing expense.

On May 6, 2024 meeting- the Committee approved a certificate of public need application from Inova Fairfax Hospital (COPN Request VA-8747) which proposes to expand its cardiac catheterization service and Inova Fair Oaks Hospital (COPN Request VA-8746) which proposes to expand its surgery service.

Inova Health Care Services (Inova) requests COPN authorization to expand surgery capacity at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital (IFOH) The project would add two general purpose operating rooms (GPORs) to the twelve the hospital now has. The project would entail renovating two procedure

rooms and support space within the IFOH surgical suite. No new construction or space would be required. The projected capital cost is about \$6.2 million. All capital costs would be paid from Inova Health System reserves. There would be no direct financing expense. The committee voted and approved the request for the COPN.

Inova Health Care Services (Inova) sought a COPN authorization to expand Inova Fairfax Hospital's (IFH) cardiac catheterization service. The project would add one catheterization laboratory to the seven the hospital now has. The new laboratory would be located within the catheterization service where six of the hospital's catheterization laboratories are housed. Projected capital cost is about \$6.3 million. All capital costs would be paid from Inova Health System reserves. There would be no direct financing expense. The committee voted and approved the request for the COPN.

On June 17, 2024 The committee reviewed the following COPN applications:

- Cardiac Care Associates, Establish cardiac PET-CT service (COPN Request VA-8754)

Approval of the application authorizes Cardiac Care Associates to acquire and operate a PET-CT scanner. The applicant could purchase a scanner and associated technology or offer the service through a diagnostic imaging service vendor. CCA plans to contract with CDL Nuclear Technologies, a PET imaging vendor located in Wexford, Pennsylvania, to establish and maintain a fulltime fixed site cardiac PET imaging service. 4 Projected capital costs are \$1,500,972.

- Woodburn Nuclear Medicine, Expand PET-CT service (COPN Request VA-8758)

Woodburn Nuclear Medicine (Woodburn, WNM), which does business as Metro Region PET (Metro PET), seeks certificate of public need authorization to acquire a second PET-CT imaging system. Metro PET's scanner serves oncology and neurology patients. WNM does not provide cardiac PET imaging as proposed by CCA. Table 1 shows current PET service capacity and recent service volumes at Northern Virginia services. Estimated capital costs are \$684,000, about half of which (\$360,000, 53%) would be for the scanner and related equipment. The remainder (\$324,000) would be for space renovation and related expenses. All capital costs would come from internal Woodburn funds. There would be no direct long-term financing expense.

- Inova Reston MRI Center, Expand MRI service (COPN Request VA-8755)
- IFRC, Establish MRI Service in Woodbridge, Virginia (COPN Request VA-8756)
- IFRC, Establish CT Service in Woodbridge, Virginia (COPN Request VA-8757)

Two established providers of medical imaging services in northern Virginia seek certificate of public need (COPN) authorization to add magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) capacity. Inova Reston MRI Center (IRMC) proposes to expand Tysons MRI and Imaging Center (COPN Request VA-8755). IFRC proposes to establish a new MRI Service in Woodbridge, Virginia (COPN Request VA-8756). Both IRMC and IFRC are joint ventures of Inova Health Care Services and Fairfax Radiological Consultants. Inova Health Care Services is the operating arm of Inova Health System. Fairfax Radiological Consultants, the region's largest radiology practice, provides professional radiology services at most Inova Health System facilities. Inova Health System holds a majority interest in both joint ventures.

- Stone Springs Hospital Center, Establish a CT service (COPN Request VA-8761)

Stone Springs Hospital Center (SSHC) seeks COPN authorization to establish a CT scanning service in Fairfax County. The scanner would be in a freestanding emergency department and

outpatient services center the hospital plans to develop in Chantilly, Virginia. The project entails repositioning the recently authorized CT scanner authorized for the SSHC campus. The scanner, which is yet to be installed, would be placed in a satellite emergency department the hospital plans to establish in Chantilly. Table 1 shows current CT capacity and recent CT service volumes at SSHC and other services regionwide. Estimated capital costs are \$1,900,000 for the scanner and related equipment. All equipment and related capital costs would be paid with internal Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) funds. 3 There would be no direct long-term financing expense.

Date: July 22, 2024

The ASAP Policy Board met virtually for their quarterly meeting on July 17, 2022.

It was initially reported by Director Elwood Jones that the Fairfax County Alcohol Safety Action Program has successfully passed all components of its three-year Re-certification process. It is now

Certified through 6/30/2027.

It was further reported by Director Jones that several regional ASAPS have been unable to financially support themselves owing to several factors: reduced DUI arrests in their jurisdictions, an increase

In plea reductions from DUI to Reckless Driving as well as an apparent deemphasizing of DUI arrests. These eventualities have led to several regional ASAPS merging for financial survival.

The Fairfax ASAP offered the following figures regarding their annual operating budget. Fairfax ASAP finished the 2024FY with a budget surplus of \$93,178.

It should also be noted that the Fairfax ASAP is currently preparing for a statewide audit of its financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. The audit will be performed by Brown Edwards Certified Public Accountants.

Director Jones reported that the annual ASAP training conference will be held next month in the Richmond area. Assistant Director Jason Robbins has been invited to do some training sessions with regional

case managers.

The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for October 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael H. Borash, Fairfax City Representative to the Fairfax County ASAP Policy Board. Michael Borash is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commission

on the

Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP)

Senator Richard H. Stuart
Chairman

Angela D. Coleman
Executive Director

May 23, 2024

Elwood Jones, Director
Fairfax ASAP
10700 Page Avenue, Suite 201
Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Mr. Jones:

In accordance with the Code of Virginia, all programs established or operating under § 18.2-271.1 of the Code of Virginia are required by § 18.2-271.2 to be certified by the Commission.

During the certification summation on May 13, 2024, Charlene Motley, Field Services Supervisor, made you aware that Fairfax ASAP met the 80% successful file review threshold to pass certification. You were also made aware of recommendations of the certification team that Fairfax ASAP put measures in place to ensure timely monitoring of ignition interlock.

On May 23, 2024, the Commission received your action plan. The action plan has been reviewed and it is deemed as a viable plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ADC", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Angela D. Coleman
Executive Director



Share Your Thoughts!

The Fairfax Area Commission on Aging (COA) and the Fairfax Area Disability Service Board (FA-DSB) are **seeking community input** to identify systemic gaps in service and/or barriers Fairfax County residents with disabilities face.

Two virtual community forums will be held and will focus on various topics such as, Services for Older Adults and Family Caregivers, Housing and Neighborhood Supports, Access to Mobility Options, Personal Well-being, and Economic Stability and Planning.

Community Forum for Family Caregivers

(Virtual via Zoom)

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

7–8:30 p.m.

Community Forum for Adults with Disabilities Age 50 and Older

(Virtual via Zoom)

Friday, August 2, 2024

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This is an opportunity to get directly involved and have your voices heard.

Space is limited. To attend, register by scanning the QR code or visiting

<https://bit.ly/45jGcOt>

Registrants will receive an email with access instructions.



To request reasonable ADA accommodations, contact Ann Kim at **703-324-7486/TTY 711**, or **Ann.Kim@fairfaxcounty.gov**.



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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 2024 through July 2024

DATE: July 29, 2024

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 continues to meet in person – although it did so virtually in February due to members’ schedules – and has done the following:

- **In May**, Director Becketts announced news regarding the Medicaid unwinding with requirements to be completed by April 30, 2024. All recipients require a renewal going back to March 2020. The state has completed ~92% while completion was ~72% nationwide. No recipients lost benefits due to DHS backlog or capacity.
- Marijke Hannam, DFS Deputy Director of Operations, introduced the Budget as adopted May 7. The budget has a 3% increase on the property taxes. Budget was largely unchanged from the advertised budget. \$3.6M removed from the budget based on impact; only “no impact” items were removed from the budget meaning services will not likely be affected.
- Michelle Gregory, Division Director of the Department of Management and Budget, discussed the availability of data that ASSB could reference in strategic planning and serve our districts. The role of Countywide Data Analytics is to support the County in enhancing decision-making.
- Xuemei Han, Principal Data Scientist at the Department of Management and Budget, presented Economic, Demographic & Statistical Research work related to data visualization. Community profiles were demonstrated to include population, demographic, and economic data by community
- **In June**, Director Becketts reported his recent presentation of the Medicaid unwinding to the Board of Supervisors, which concludes the unwinding project.
- Kristi Dooley, Strategic Planning Consultant, summarized the ASSB board member survey and outlined the intent of the strategic planning sessions of this board to link its work to “how” it can support DFS and the annual report. The board agreed to a 2.5-hour meeting on July 17 to hold its first session.
- Alycia Blackwell, Deputy Director of DFS Programs and Services discussed legislative updates that may impact DFS. Then, she informed the board that the 2025 Legislative Agenda/Human Services Issue Paper – an opportunity for the board to propose new position statements, budget initiatives, and policy initiatives to the Board of Supervisors for consideration – is due by July 22, 2024.

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An ad hoc legislative subcommittee was formed to meet and discuss ASSB's contribution.

- Noah Abraham, ASSB member At-Large - Chairman's Office, shared point-in-time information regarding the county's homelessness. This year's count showed a 2% decrease (to 32 people), the only area in the DC metro area to show a decrease. Meanwhile, families with children experiencing homelessness experienced an 8% decrease.
- **In July**, the ASSB board held its 2.5-hour strategic planning session with Kristi Dooley. Director Becketts explained the role of the board in detail – what it can, cannot, and must do. The board offered its experiences and suggestions for process and functional improvements in its work with DFS. Kristi gathered all the feedback, will confer with Director Becketts, and provide a roadmap to move forward at the next planning session (date TBD).

MEMORANDUM

To: City of Fairfax Mayor and City Council

From: Jim Gillespie, City Representative to the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

Re: Quarterly Report, April – June 2024

Date: July 25, 2023

- Over the next two fiscal years, 1,720 new Developmental Disability Waivers will be issued yearly, totaling 3,440 by the end of FY26. The CSB Support Coordinator team is in the process of hiring seven additional positions for FY24. The Fairfax County FY25 budget includes an additional \$2.1 million for additional support coordinators for the new Developmental Disability Waivers. Information sessions for families were held on April 24th, May 20 and May 30. Many families had questions about the “Priority 1” category, and staff explained the waiver selection advisory process, encouraging families to reach out to their case managers or support coordinators for specific inquiries. An FAQ from the session has been posted on the CSB website.
- The Fairfax County FY25 budget also includes an additional \$2.52 million in operating expenses to support contract rate adjustments for CSB community partners.
- A Prince William Crisis Receiving Center is set to open in the spring of 2025, and a Loudoun County Crisis Receiving Center is approximately 2.5 years from opening. These programs, which are for children and adults, will be open to all Northern Virginia residents.
- State funding has been allocated for three new CSB positions to expand the permanent supportive housing program by 300 units for individuals with severe mental illness who need housing and supportive services. The CSB will be reallocating supervisors and nursing staff to support the growth of this program. Effective July 1 the state has appointed a dedicated Low-Income Housing Tax Credit liaison to work with Northern Virginia counties, cities and CSBs to focus on increasing the supply of low-income housing units. This is especially important because the vouchers are only useful to the extent that units can be found that will accept them.
- Plans are underway to consolidate substance-use residential programs. The Cornerstones program will be relocated to the New Beginnings site, expanding capacity from 16 to 35 beds. This move aims to improve utilization and enhance competitiveness with private providers by introducing a rapid admissions unit and updating assessments

to expedite admissions. Additionally, consolidating positions and filling vacancies is expected to increase bed capacity, with facilities currently operating at half capacity.

- All 26 positions for the outpatient youth services expansion have been successfully filled. The Youth Medicated Assisted Treatment team kickoff took place on June 7, at the Gerry Highland Center in South County. Implementing a MAT Team in South County will also increase accessibility to the Merrifield MAT Team.

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- A representative from Land Development Services presented to the DSB a Parking Reimagined update and discussed a survey that the agency had designed specifically regarding accessible parking. A recommendation will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors and presented at the Board of Supervisors' July 23rd public meeting. He shared preliminary results of the survey, which indicated concern regarding the preservation of existing accessible spaces and redesign of current accessible spaces that are often blocked. Land Development Services is proposed a baseline ratio increase from 1:25 spaces to 1:15 spaces to countermand the effect that the decreased parking requirements set forth in the parking reimagined program would otherwise have on accessible parking. The Board of Supervisors unanimously supported the creation of an ordinance increasing accessible parking minimums to compensate for the potential reductions stemming from Parking Reimagined.
- The board added to our list of initiatives to educate, advocate, and suggest innovative strategies to promote accessible housing. Efforts will be measured via policies, permits, partnerships, and projects.
- The DSB is partnering with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging to seek community input to identify systemic gaps in service and/or barriers Fairfax County residents with disabilities face. Two virtual community forums will be held and will focus on topics such as services for older adults and family caregivers, housing and neighborhood supports, access to mobility options, personal well-being, and economic stability and planning. The forums will be held on July 31st and August 2nd. A flyer is attached with more details.
- Supervisor Bierman is introducing a proclamation in July in celebration of the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Board of Supervisors will be recognizing it at their board meeting on Tuesday, July 30. David Simon, as FA-DSB Chair, will be invited to say a few words on the significance of the ADA and this proclamation.