

## **HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD**

Meeting Summary

March 15, 2021

### **MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY**

Marlene Blum, Chairman  
Tim Yarboro, MD, Vice Chairman  
Ellyn Crawford  
Philippe Beauchene  
Rose Chu  
Rosanne Rodilloso  
Dr. Michael Trahos, DO  
Leeann Alberts, JD, MBA

### **STAFF**

Sherryn Craig

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Maia Cecire, Lee District  
Shikha Dixit, Mount Vernon District  
Bill Finerfrock, Springfield District

### **GUESTS**

Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD, MPH, Health Director, Health Department  
Jessica Werder, Deputy Director of Public Health Operations, Health Department  
Dominic Bonaiuto, Director, Central Region Government & Community Relations, Inova Health System  
Sherri Thompson-Brusca, Community Member

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Marlene Blum at 7:30 pm.

#### *Audibility of Members' Voices*

Chairman Marlene Blum conducted a roll call asking each participating member to state his/her name and the location from which he/she was participating.

Braddock District, Leeann Alberts, JD, MBA, Springfield, VA  
Dranesville District, Rosanne Rodilloso, McLean, VA  
Hunter Mill District, Ellyn Crawford, Reston, VA  
Mason District, Rose Chu, Falls Church, VA  
Providence District, Marlene Blum, Vienna, VA

Sully District, Phil Beauchene, Chantilly, VA  
At Large, Tim Yarboro, MD, Reston, VA  
At Large, Dr. Trahos, DO, Falls Church, VA

Chairman Blum passed the virtual gavel to Vice Chairman Tim Yarboro. Ms. Blum moved that each member's voice was adequately heard by each other member of the board, and specifically that each voice was clear, audible, and at an appropriate volume for all other members. Dr. Trahos, DO seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### *Need for an Electronic Meeting*

Having established that each member's voice could be heard by every other member, Ms. Blum established (1) the nature of the emergency compelling the emergency procedures, (2) the electronic format for the meeting, and (3) public access to the meeting. Ms. Blum moved that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for the Board to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to physically attend any such meeting, and that as such, FOIA's usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of the Board and the physical presence of the public, cannot be implemented safely or practically. Ms. Blum moved that the Board would conduct the meeting electronically through Zoom Conference call, and that the public could access this meeting by telephone 888-398-2342 or through the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87825943847>. Phil Beauchene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### *Continuity in Government*

To dispense with FOIA's Usual Procedures to Assure Continuity in Government, Ms. Blum moved that all of the matters addressed on today's agenda must address the State of Emergency itself, are necessary for continuity in Fairfax County government, and/or are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of the HCAB's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. Dr. Trahos, DO seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **February 8, 2021 Meeting Summary**

The meeting minutes from February 8, 2021 were approved as submitted.

**FY 2022 Budget Recommendations.** Dr. Tim Yarboro, HCAB Budget Chair, made the following motions seriatim regarding the FY 2022 Advertised Budget. Dr. Trahos, DO seconded.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's proposed net increase of \$1,662,630 for the Health Department's budget FY 2022 budget.

The HCAB supports the proposed increase of \$3,333,814 to support 35.0 FTE additional Public Health Nurse positions previously approved by the Board of Supervisors as part of the in the FY 2021 Carryover Review. These positions were previously funded through the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund in FY 2021 to support contact tracing. These Public Health Nurse positions will continue to support contact tracing, testing and vaccination efforts for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and as response efforts change or decelerate, will be redeployed to the School Health program to address the nurse to student ratio.

The HCAB supports the proposed increase of \$1,067,007 to support 13.0 FTE additional positions previously approved by the Board of Supervisors as part of the FY 2020 Mid-Year Review. These positions were previously funded through the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund in FY 2021 to support the COVID-19 mass vaccination efforts. These positions will continue to support vaccination efforts for the duration of the pandemic and for expanding the agency's Emergency Preparedness capabilities to address public health events.

The HCAB supports the proposed increase of \$137,378 and 2/1.75 FTE new positions to replace the expiring Urban Area Security Initiative grant funding. These positions will be responsible for the continued development, revision and operationalization of the agency's Emergency Operations Plan and its response to public health emergencies.

The HCAB supports the proposed increase of \$93,324 and 1.0 FTE new public health nurse position as part of a recommendation from the Opioid Task Force to provide support to opioid exposed infants and families.

The HCAB supports the proposed increase of \$56,867 and 2.0 FTE new positions to support operations and programs at the new Sully Community Center to help provide equitable access to recreational opportunities and health services, including support to clients receiving services in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).and recreational opportunities. The Sully Community Center is currently scheduled to open in the last quarter of FY 2022, and will include a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The County's existing contract with Health Works for Northern Virginia is expected to meet the resourcing needs for the FQHC, but like the center's future operations and programs, full year funding will be needed for the FQHC beginning in FY 2023.

With respect to the County Executive's Multiyear Budget proposal, the HCAB supports future funding of \$400,000 and 3.0 FTE positions needed to continue the Health Department's use of epidemiological data to improve health outcomes, reduce health disparities and enhance program effectiveness with the County as the Health Department's capacity to meet the growing Population Health needs of the community. These positions will improve the Health Department's capacity to prevent and control infectious diseases and monitor the health status of the community. COVID-19 has provided a framework to examine the County's capabilities and begin planning proactively for the next emergent need. In addition to the Health Department's epidemiological capacity, a more robust surveillance is recommended for the human services system to address socio-ecological trends and issues; future epi staff may be deployed and/or embedded in the CSB and DFS.

The HCAB supports future funding of \$1.20 million and 8.0 FTE positions in FY 2023 to support the continued implementation of the multi-year Diversion First initiative. Diversion First is a multi-agency effort to redirect individuals with mental illness, developmental disabilities and cooccurring substance use disorders from the judicial system into the health care system to improve public safety, promote a healthier community and maximize public resources in the most cost-effective manner.

The HCAB supports future funding of \$1,063,000 and 10.0 FTEs identified to continue addressing the opioid epidemic in the County.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's proposed increase of \$817,848 and 8.0 FTE new positions associated with the Scotts Run Fire Station, which will include funding for the full-year operation of a 6.0 FTE Medic Unit.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's proposed decrease for the Northern Virginia Healthcare Center/Birmingham Green Adult Care Residence. The total FY 2022 Fairfax County funding for these facilities is \$2,849,012 with a decrease of \$18,831 or 0.6 percent compared to the FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan contribution of \$2,867,393. The decrease is based on the actual costs and utilization rates at the facilities.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's level funding proposal in the amounts of \$237,000 for the Medical Care for Children Partnership (MCCP); \$108,200 for Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia; and \$500,000 for Inova Fairfax County Longitudinal Study.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's multi-agency funding proposal to provide Diversion First and Opioid Response, which includes:

1. An increase of \$466,779 and 6.0 FTE new positions in the Office of the Sheriff to support the jail-based Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program within the Adult Detention Center to include MAT Coordinator, a Peer Recovery Specialist and Nurse Practitioners to allow for 24/7 medical services coverage.
2. An increase of \$100,000 for the Circuit Court to support the County's Diversion First initiative, particularly toxicology supplies and screening, electronic monitoring and incentive items for the Drug Court, Veterans Treatment Docket and Mental Health Docket in order to meet compliance requirements associated with the Virginia Supreme Court and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.
3. An increase of \$218,401 and 3.0 FTE new positions in the General District Court to support Diversion First. These positions will allow the General District Court to address caseload growth and provide support to the judges.
4. An increase of \$620,000 for the Community Service's Board's Operating Expenses to provide peer support services contracted detoxification and residential treatment services and an increase funding of \$299,462 and 2.0 FTE new positions to support direct clinical services with individuals in crisis identification and intervention with individuals in need of diversion from incarceration.

The HCAB recommended not to take a position regarding the County Executive's proposed increase of \$3,402 for the Integrated Pest Management Program's Personnel Services to provide Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEBs.) to retirees, including Retiree Health Benefits Subsidy.

The HCAB approved the FY 2022 Budget Recommendations unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.