

HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary

March 2, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marlene Blum, Chairman
Bill Finerfrock, Vice Chairman
Rose Chu, Vice Chairman
Ann Zuvekas
Tim Yarboro, MD
Ellyn Crawford
Rosanne Rodillo
Dr. Michael Trahos, DO
Francine Jupiter

STAFF

Sherryn Craig

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dave West

GUESTS

Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD, MPH, Health Department
Rosalyn Foroobar, Health Department
Michael Forehand, Inova Health System

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Marlene Blum at 7:32 p.m.

February Meeting Summary

The February 9, 2015 minutes were accepted as corrected. A revised version of the minutes will be distributed in the April HCAB meeting packet.

HCAB Recommendations on the County Executive's FY 2016 Advertised Budget

- 1) Bill Finerfrock, Budget Chairman, moved that the HCAB recommend the BOS approve \$1,046,563 in funding to support a 0.84% market rate adjustment (MRA) and performance-based and longevity increases for Health Department employees.
- 2) The Budget Chairman moved that the HCAB recommend the BOS approve \$230,086 in funding and 4/3.28 FTE positions to support two new Fairfax County elementary schools, Bailey's II and Ft. Belvoir. While the County will not meet the recommended nurse-to-student ratios, these positions will help the program from falling further behind.

- 3) The Budget Chairman moved that the HCAB recommend the BOS approve \$70,832 in funding and 1/1.0 FTE Environmental Health Specialist II position to support increased development activity within the County, to include plan reviews, permits, and inspection services.
- 4) The Budget Chairman moved that the HCAB recommend the BOS approve \$277,588 in Health Department Operating Expenses to support a rate increase for the providers of contracted health services and for providers of repair and maintenance services for laboratory and medical equipment. Approximately \$167,000 of this increase is for the Community Health Care Network (CHCN).
- 5) The Budget Chairman moved that the HCAB recommend the BOS support the proposed \$522,346 reduction to close the Annandale Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Program Site, recognizing that while difficult for those families who are affected, there has been declining interest in the ADHC program for several years. It was also recommended that staff carefully monitor the placement and relocation, currently being planned, of Annandale ADHC participants and staff, and if appropriate, the HCAB will keep the BOS advised.
- 6) The Budget Chairman moved that the HCAB recommend the BOS oppose the proposed \$2,199,661 reduction (\$232,693 in funding and three positions in the Health Department and \$1,966,968 in funding and 32 positions associated with the Department of Family Services and three nonprofits) to eliminate the Healthy Families Fairfax (HFF) Program. This reduction also includes a decrease of \$327,946 in state revenue, for a net reduction to the General Fund of \$1,639,022. Since the program's inception in 1991, HFF has proven to be an effective intervention for at-risk families, and the HCAB will share the information it has received from DFS on HFF program outcomes with the BOS.
- 7) The Budget Chairman moved that the HCAB recommend the BOS oppose \$500,000 in Contributory Funding for the Inova Translational Medicine Institute (ITMI). Funding ITMI when much-needed County programs are being cut or eliminated altogether is not the best use of public tax dollars, especially when there are no measurable goals, performance outcomes, or key milestones for ITMI.

The FY 2016 Budget Recommendations were approved unanimously.

Human Services Council Community Dialogue Meetings

The HCAB is scheduled to present its FY 2016 budget recommendations to the Human Services Council (HSC) on Thursday, March 5, weather permitting. At the HSC's request, the recommendations will be tied to the seven strategic focus areas:

- Healthy People
- Positive Living for Older Adults and People With Disabilities
- Connected Communities
- Successful Children and Youth
- Economic Self Sufficiency/Financial Security
- Sustainable Housing
- Infrastructure Support

In addition to its budget recommendations, HCAB members agreed to provide the HSC with information regarding the Health Department's epidemiological capacity, based on staffing ratios benchmarked against local and peer jurisdictions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.