

HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary

March 6, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marlene Blum, Chairman
Bill Finerfrock, Vice Chairman
Rose Chu, Vice Chairman
Ellyn Crawford
Francine Jupiter
Deborah Leser
Chafiq Moumami
Tim Yarboro, MD
Ann Zuvekas
Dr. Michael Trahos, DO

STAFF

Sherryn Craig

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rosanne Rodillo

GUESTS

Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Health Department
Rosalyn Foroobar, Health Department

Call to Order

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

February 13, 2017 Meeting Summary

The meeting summary from February 13, 2017 was accepted as submitted.

HCAB Resolution Honoring Dave West

The HCAB presented a resolution honoring Dave West's 42 years of service to the the County as the Lee District representative to the Health Care Advisory Board.

FY 2018 Budget Recommendations

Dr. Tim Yarboro, HCAB Budget Chair, made the following motions *seriatim* regarding the FY 2018 Advertised Budget.

The HCAB recommends support for the County Executive's proposed increase of \$939,307 to fund the Health Department's Employee Compensation. Francine Jupiter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The HCAB does not support the County Executive's reduction of \$150,000 for the Health Department's contract with Insight Memory Care Center (IMCC). Dr. Trahos, DO seconded.

The IMCC provides services to County residents suffering from mid-late stage dementia. The current contract requires IMCC to provide specific day care services annually to a minimum of 55 Fairfax County residents at a reduced fee and support 400 family caregivers. IMCC exceeded its contractual obligations in FY 2016, serving a total of 109 individuals and supporting 555 family caregivers. The rate for participants with incomes of 400% FPL attending IMCC 5-days a week in FY 2018 will be \$130.90 per day. The rate for participants with incomes above 400% FPL attending IMCC 5-days a week in FY 2018 will be \$142¹ per day. When annualized, this cost differential is quite substantial at \$36,920 a year.¹ The HCAB felt that the rate increases were not affordable or sustainable. The motion carried with 9 yays and 1 abstention.

The HCAB recommends support for a \$125,000 revenue enhancement by increasing fees for laboratory and clinical services. Bill Finerfrock seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's intent to successfully plan for and respond to current public health challenges in his Multi-Year Budget Considerations FY 2018 – FY 2019, but without mentioning funding or positions, which will be revalidated during the FY 2019 and FY 2020 multi-year budget development process. Dr. Trahos, DO seconded the motion.

After meeting with his Supervisor, Bill Finerfrock noted the growing opioid problem and recommended that the HCAB dedicate a future meeting to review how the community, including the County and Inova, is responding to the crisis. He also suggested that the HCAB's budget recommendation include language on the need to address the opioid problem from a community-wide perspective.

Dr. Gloria explained that the CSB is doing a lot of work in this area. The Health Department is working with the CSB to redesign its questionnaires, asking about IV

¹ After further discussion with IMCC post March 6, a more accurate per diem rate is \$157, adding an additional \$6,760 a year, increasing the total charge from \$34,034 to \$40,820.

drug use during STD Clinic, for example. The same redesign is being implemented in the Health Department's maternity clinics with the intent of gathering more meaningful information and providing smoother transitions from the Health Department to CSB. Additionally, the Fairfax epidemiologist can review VDH surveillance data regarding ER use, and the Nurse Practitioners and shelter staff have been trained on how to use Naloxone.

It was felt that using the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists ratio of one epidemiologist per 100,000 population is not useful or persuasive. Furthermore, the HCAB recommended that its support of increasing the Health Department's epi capacity should include examples of population-based disease (e.g., diabetes, crumb rubber, cancer clusters).

The HCAB supports the County Executive's multi-year budget considerations, including language on the increase in opioid use and opioid-related deaths.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's 3.41% net increase of \$6,705,840 for the Fire and Rescue Department.

There was considerable discussion regarding the information that was requested by the HCAB and provided by Chief Caussin. Some members found it confusing, uninformative, and/or not compelling. As of the HCAB's meeting, Chief Johnson had not submitted answers to the HCAB's request for additional information.

It was suggested that the HCAB identify another time, outside of the budget review process, to have Fire and Rescue return to address the HCAB's outstanding concerns.

It was also noted that eliminating the agency's National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) detail was unwise. Representatives for Fire and Rescue expressed confidence that they would have access to intelligence information using its regional detail.

The HCAB does not support the elimination of the FRD's NCTC detail.

Dr. Yarboro made a motion to present a consent agenda to support the County Executive's proposed increases and proposed decreases to the Department of Fire and Rescue's budget. Dr. Trahos, DO seconded. The motion carried 9-1.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's allocation of \$538,848 to expand the Healthy Families Fairfax (HFF) Program with the expenditure completely offset by increases in federal revenue and state funding. Lyn Crawford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's proposed increase of \$153,370 to fund the Northern Virginia Healthcare Center/Birmingham Green Adult Care Residence. Ann Zuvekas seconded.

In response to the HCAB's request for additional information, the Department of Family Service's Barbara Antley stated that the increase for Birmingham Green was required for increased expenses related to employees' health insurance, wages, medical and pharmaceutical supplies, and contracted services such as laboratory. Moreover, nursing revenue is projected to decrease due to fewer days of reimbursement from Medicare, which means more funds are needed from the owner jurisdictions.

The motion carried unanimously.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's proposed allocation of \$237,000 to level fund the Medical Care for Children Partnership (MCCP). Chafiq Moumami seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's proposed allocation of \$108,200 to level fund the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia (HSANV). Deborah Leser seconded.

Bill Finerfrock offered a substitute that the HCAB not support the County Executive's proposed allocation of \$108,200 to level fund the HSANV. Dr. Trahos, DO seconded.

There was considerable discussion regarding the contributions that the HSANV provides. It was recommended that the HCAB invite the HSANV to a future meeting to discuss its planning and advisory functions.

The substitute motion failed 2 yays, 6 nos, and 2 abstentions.

The original motion passed 7 yays - 3 abstentions.

The HCAB opposes the County Executive's proposed allocation of \$500,000 to the Inova Translational Medicine Institute. Dr. Trahos seconded.

Since FY 2015, the County has provided \$500,000 a year to ITMI, for a total of \$1.5 million. The HCAB felt that the \$500,000 could be redirected to fund other human services programs, such as IMCC's adult day care services or expanding the county's epidemiological capacity. It was also noted that language suggesting that ITMI would contribute to the County's economic growth and development is no longer included in the Advertised Budget. The HCAB's opposition is in no way a comment on Inova's overall quality or any ventures they may engage. The HCAB believes that spending

County taxpayer dollars in support of ITMI is just not the best use of public funds. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.