

## Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

October 15, 2014

A work session of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) was held at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA.

The following CSB members were present: Ken Garnes, Chair; Susan Beeman, Kate Hanley, Suzette Kern, Dallas “Rob” Sweezy, Diane Tuininga, Jeff Wisoff and Spencer Woods

The following CSB members were absent: Gary Ambrose, Pam Barrett, Paul Luisada, Lynn Miller, Juan Pablo Segura, Lori Stillman and Jane Woods

The following CSB staff was present: Tisha Deeghan, Daryl Washington, Len Wales, Jean Hartman and Lyn Tomlinson

Ken Garnes welcomed Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison and Brenda Gardiner with the Department of Administration for Human Services, indicating this work session was requested by the CSB Board to provide an update on the activities related to the efforts to integrate primary and behavioral health care, specifically at the Merrifield Center. Due to developments that have converged, some of which are unfolding quickly, this session was called with short notice to ensure the CSB Board is fully informed and afforded an opportunity to provide input. The presentation and discussion included the following:

- Inova has been considering how to utilize the fourth floor of the Merrifield Center, in which they have a 10-year lease option, and recently decided to move IT staff to this facility.
- In the meantime, recognizing the upcoming lease expiration of the Community Health Care Network (CHCN) at Seven Corners, an examination of possibly sharing this fourth floor space with Inova has been undertaken. This would include relocating the primary health care services of CHCN as well as dental services to the Merrifield site.
- It was noted throughout design of the Merrifield Center there has been a goal to include primary care services for a fully integrated health care services site. The relocation of CHCN along with dental services would move this objective forward to the benefit of individuals receiving CSB services. Separately, a Request for Proposals (RFP) is slated to be issued in an effort to solicit bids for providers of primary care services which will require a significant amount of time. It was noted CSB consumers alone would not be able to fully support a primary care commercial venture.
- For individuals currently receiving services through CHCN at Seven Corners, outcomes of a transportation survey indicated 50% drive, over 30% use public transportation and 13% walk. The Merrifield site will be easily accessible for those using public transportation with a bus stop directly at the location.
- A favorable cost analysis of relocating CHCN to Merrifield was recently determined which considered leasing other space in the Seven Corners/Baileys Crossroads corridor.

Due to the limited availability of Class A medical space, any office space would require a substantial investment to renovate, and at the same time, the square footage cost would exceed the estimated \$20 per square foot at Merrifield.

- In response to any additional advantages and/or shared resources resulting from a co-located site, it was noted in the long term there could be access to Inova's electronic medical record, and in the short term, CHCN may have access to a Medicaid/Medicare billing infrastructure. It was also indicated efforts are ongoing to identify other opportunities between the CSB and Health Department.
- The co-location proposal is being presented to county officials including the County Executive, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and additional Supervisors, especially those whose districts would be directly affected, to identify any specific issues that need to be addressed.
- It was indicated during this analysis period, Inova has placed on hold for 30-days the building out of the fourth floor at Merrifield, but is anxious to proceed.

Following discussion and in anticipation of upcoming presentations to the Board of Supervisors as well as other stakeholders, Kate Hanley offered a motion that in accordance with the recommendations of CSB staff that utilization of the Merrifield space as proposed makes programmatic sense for CSB consumers, and as indicated, is financially sound and will provide cost benefits, the CSB Board supports moving forward with the proposal. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ken Garnes requested Deputy County Executive Harrison keep the CSB Board informed as this initiative continues to develop and extended appreciation to Ms. Harrison and Ms. Gardiner for attending the work session.

November 19, 2014

Date Approved

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Missa O'Shine", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Staff to the Board