



Response to Questions on the FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Supervisor Foust

Question: Is the lease at the Western Fairfax (Chantilly) Mental Health Outpatient Clinic site terminable?

Response: The lease for the Western Fairfax (Chantilly) Mental Health Outpatient Clinic site currently expires December 31, 2012. If LOB Reduction 106-75-409 is adopted by the Board of Supervisors and the office space is not utilized by the County, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) will need to negotiate a lease termination. The CSB, Facilities Management Department (FMD), Department of Information Technology (DIT), as well as the Office of the County Attorney are currently discussing this lease termination issue and more information will be available in the next several weeks.

The negotiation of a lease termination is not taken lightly by staff because the County may incur significant fees for terminating the lease prior to the expiration date and future lease negotiations may be negatively impacted. Therefore, CSB, FMD, and DIT are working together to review alternative solutions to achieve lease savings without terminating the Chantilly lease agreement before the expiration date. This process entails a thorough review of lease agreements that will expire within the next year, the potential of relocating staff at those locations to the Chantilly site, and the DIT costs associated with closing a site.