

Response to Questions on the FY 2010 County's Line of Business & Schools Program Review Processes Fall 2008

Request By: Public

Question: In lieu of closing Adult Day Health Care Centers (ADHC), would it be feasible to combine centers?

Response: Combining centers that are at capacity would necessitate reassigning staff to the remaining center in order to continue to serve the same number of participants. The Health Department must comply with state licensing requirements to maintain a 1:6 staff to participant ratio.

The proposed closure of the Annandale Adult Day Health Care Center is one of several options identified by the Health Department to achieve the agency's potential 15 percent budget reduction plan. No decision has yet been made on what reduction options will be implemented. The Annandale ADHC is owned by the County, so while there would be some savings in day-to-day facility usage costs (utilities), there would not be staff savings by combining with another facility unless participants transfer to another facility that is under capacity.

At this time, there are 30 participants enrolled at the Annandale Adult Day Health Care Center. Currently, Braddock Glen and Lewinsville ADHC Centers have waiting lists of six to seven, and cannot accommodate additional participants. Lincolnia ADHC is not operating at its full capacity, and could take up to 15 more participants if transportation were provided to those participants. The costs of transportation will need to be covered by participants or other increases in funding. It is noted that, at all the ADHC's, admission priority would be given to the Annandale ADHC Center participants should it be closed.