

## HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary  
January 8, 2007

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marlene Blum, Chairman  
Bill Finerfrock, Vice Chairman  
Rose Chu, Vice Chairman  
John Clark  
J. Martin Lebowitz  
David West  
Rosanne Rodilosso  
Edna Cruz

### **STAFF**

Sherryn Craig

### **GUESTS**

Verdia Haywood, Deputy County Executive for Human Services  
Rosalyn Foroobar, Health Department  
Julianna Miner, Health Department

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Change "Shelters" to "The shelter" in 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence on page 3.

The minutes of the December 11, 2006 HCAB meeting were accepted as corrected.

### **Follow Up on Special Exception Applications for Medical Facilities**

Marlene Blum spoke with Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth about the HCAB's November zoning memo. Supervisor Smyth is a former planning commissioner and suggested that the HCAB send a follow up letter to the BOS stating that the current zoning laws fail to address current medical practice. Given that medical practice will continue to change, Supervisor Smyth recommended that the HCAB ask the BOS for guidance on how the County can address this dynamic. Marlene Blum also spoke to Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross about Supervisor Smyth's suggestions. Supervisor Gross was supportive.

Marlene Blum yielded the chair to Bill Finerfrock and made a motion to send a letter to the BOS with the November 2 memo asking for the Board's help in adapting the Zoning Ordinance to current medical practice. Dr. Lebowitz seconded the motion. Bill Finerfrock asked if the terms "law" and "ordinance" were interchangeable. Marlene will

follow up on this distinction. There being no further discussion, the HCAB passed the motion unanimously. Bill Finerfrock yielded the chair to Marlene Blum

### **HCAB Action Plan Discussion**

Carol Frecker, from the Department of Family Services, facilitated the HCAB's action plan discussion. The group prioritized two focus areas and will be meeting with Health Department staff to review these topics, discuss their feasibility, and map out an implementation strategy. Sherryn Craig will set up a meeting with the HCAB Executive Committee and HD staff. A summary of this discussion is attached.

### **Long Term Care Development Update**

Verdia Haywood, Deputy County Executive for Human Services, updated the HCAB on the status of Long Term Care in the County Executive's proposed FY08 budget. The level of multiple county agencies and systems involved in the provision of long term care services has continued to grow. The Health Department has traditionally coordinated these efforts, but given the increasing demand, the County Executive has recommended an organizational shift to include long term care service and development within the Health Department's programs. Mr. Haywood stated that the service piece is currently in place, via Adult Day Health Care. To implement the development piece, the County Executive is recommending that the BOS fund three staff positions. This new structure will continue to emphasize senior services, but will also provide greater flexibility to address the needs of adults with physical and sensory disabilities. Marlene Blum asked if Mr. Haywood was going to present this proposal to the Disability Services Board, given the potential impact that such a change would have on its work. Mr. Haywood responded that he would be making the rounds to the relevant boards and commissions, including the Disability Services Board. The HCAB will hear more about the County Executive's proposal throughout the budget process.

### **Other Business**

#### Safety Net

The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to create the Fairfax County Safety Net Health Center Commission, comprised of the County Executive, the Deputy County Executive (Human Services), Deputy County Executive (Chief Financial Officer), Director of Health, and Director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. The HCAB's November 20 memo was included with the Board Item. Supervisor Hudgins called the Board's attention to the memo and its outstanding concerns/questions.

Julianna Miner, Strategic Planner

Julianna Miner is the new Strategic Planner for the Health Department. Julianna will be coordinating the Department's long-term strategic planning process. To complete this task, Julianna will be using MAPP, a large scale community assessment tool that seeks out community and provider participation. The MAPP process is expected to take three years to complete. Julianna will provide a more detailed summary of the MAPP at the February HCAB meeting.

#### HCAB Representative to Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC)

Rosanne Rodilosso has agreed to replace Susan Randall as the HCAB representative to the LTCCC.

#### Community Advisory Board Meeting

Rose Chu reminded HCAB members that the next Community Advisory Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 16 at the Health Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.