

Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Committee
January 30, 2024, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Fairfax County Government Center Conference Room 11

Meeting Summary

Board Members Present:

Jeffrey McKay, Chairman; Dalia Palchik, Providence District (Committee Chairman); Walter Alcorn, Hunter Mill District; James Bierman, Dranesville District; Patrick Herrity, Springfield District; Andres Jimenez, Mason District, Rodney Lusk, Franconia District; Daniel Storck, Mount Vernon District; Kathy Smith, Sully District; and James Walkinshaw, Braddock District.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Supervisor Palchik called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and opened the meeting with a review of the agenda.

Item 1. Community Schools in Fairfax County

The first item was an update on Community Schools, which was presented by Sloan Presidio, Chief Academic Officer, FCPS; Marla Zometsky, Cross-System Prevention Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services; and Karla Bruce, chief equity officer, County Executive's Office. The history, structure, and an updated framework were provided. The updated framework includes a site prioritization process, clearly defined metrics, and a centralized coordination structure. Expansion beyond the current sites is estimated to cost between \$400,000-\$500,000 per school. Funding strategies including grants are being explored.

Board members then provided feedback and asked questions about site selection, timeline, existing Community Schools, capacity to expand, and the connection to Opportunity Neighborhoods.

Item 2. Review of the Equity of FCPA's Revenue and Operating Fund

The second item was a review of the Equity of FCPA's Revenue and Operating Fund, which was presented by Stan Wall, managing partner, HR&A; Karla Bruce, Chief Equity Officer, County Executive's Office; and Jai Cole, Executive Director, FCPA. The history of FCPA and NCS was reviewed and then the findings of the equity study were highlighted. Data demonstrates significant challenges in the provision of equitable access to FCPA programs and services, and that the current revenue fund model is not aligned to best practices that set cost recovery targets based on the community benefit they provide. Based on the consultant's recommendations, FCPA recommends implementing a modified cost recovery pyramid, supplementary subsidy programs, and a sliding fee scale. The next step will be a robust public outreach through Summer 2024 and then a briefing to the Board in Fall 2024.

Board members shared their appreciation for the collaborative leadership across agencies to work on this initiative. They then provided feedback and asked questions about root causes, capacity issues, other participation barriers, and public authorities and funding structures.

Item 3. Other Business

Supervisor Storck requested an update on Medicaid unwinding. Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services, committed to sending an update soon in a NIP memo to the full Board.

Adjourn

The committee meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.