

Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Committee
June 4, 2024, 1:30-3 p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center Conference Room 11

Meeting Summary

Board Members Present

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

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Supervisor Palchik called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and opened the meeting with a review of the agenda. Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services, provided an update on the Consolidated Community Funding Pool process.

Item 1. Gains, Gaps, & Goals: Status of Women and Girls in Fairfax

The first item was a presentation on the Gains, Gaps, & Goals: Status of Women and Girls in Fairfax study, which was presented by Karla Bruce (Chief Equity Officer), Michelle Gregory (Division Director, Department of Management and Budget), Toni Zollicoffer, (Division Director, Department of Family Services), and Alyssa Batchelor (Chair, Commission for Women). Bruce provided background information on the origins of the study and its alignment to One Fairfax. Zollicoffer discussed the background and methodology for the study and highlighted its key findings around economics, health, and work-life balance. Batchelor shared how the Commission for Women will use the findings to inform their work and develop a work plan.

Board members shared their appreciation and then provided feedback and asked questions about the process for prioritizing recommendations and timeline for implementation of the work plan.

Item 2. Long-Term Care Workforce Challenges and Recommendations

The second item was a presentation on long-term care workforce challenges and recommendations, which was presented by Patricia Arriaza (Community Resource Development Management, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services) and Jonathan Bell (Social Services Supervisors, Department of Family Services). They shared the process used by a cross-agency long-term care workforce workgroup for identifying the challenges and developing recommendations. They also provided data about long-term care settings in Fairfax County and a demographic profile of long-term care workers, as well as the workforce challenges. They also highlighted the local career development programs and recent state legislative actions to address the challenges. They concluded with the workgroup's recommendations, including monitoring legislation, exploring exclusive engagement strategies, and promoting a career ladder.

Board members thanked the workgroup for their efforts and discussed potential career development models, the challenges of the “sandwich generation” in caregiving for both young children and older adult family members, and the need to continue to monitor gaps and challenges.

Item 3. Final Medicaid Unwinding Debrief

The third item was a final Medicaid Unwinding debrief, which was presented by Michael Becketts (Director, Department of Family Services) and Lisa Tatum (Division Director, Department of Family Services). DFS has completed 97% of its Medicaid Unwinding renewals and the remaining cases will be complete by June 30. DFS is also evaluating caseloads and workloads against staffing resources due to the significant increase in cases since the Medicaid expansion in 2019.

Adjourn

The committee meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.