

**Board of Supervisors  
Health and Human Services Committee  
February 10, 2026, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 11**

**Meeting Summary**

**Board Members Present**

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

**Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Supervisor Sizemore Heizer called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. and opened the meeting by thanking Supervisor Palchik for her committee leadership. She then reviewed the meeting agenda and October 2025 meeting summary.

Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive provided an update on actions taken since the October committee meeting and reminded Board members about the NIP sent on January 16, 2026 with additional information on the Middle School After School Program and the Employees' Child Care Center. He also shared an update about the Pennino Building closure and assured the Board that services are being provided through "assistance from a distance" and at alternative locations.

**Item 1. Fairfax County Panhandling Study**

A presentation on the Fairfax County Panhandling Study was provided by Tom Barnett, Deputy Director, HCD-Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Paola Echave, Senior Research Associate, Urban Institute; and Samantha Batko, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute. Topics covered included the study goals, survey methodology, locations surveyed, and survey and interview findings. The presenters also shared recommendations to address the critical gaps in access to shelter, housing, healthcare, employment, and awareness of available services.

Tom Barnett highlighted the new investments made in street outreach and the establishment of a new outreach and overflow coordinator to support these efforts. He also shared action steps that OPEH is taking to address the study's findings.

Board members then asked questions about the survey and discussed the impact of H.R. 1's cuts to Medicaid and SNAP, service gaps, and pedestrian safety. Members also discussed Operation Stream Shield growth and the importance of partnerships with employers that will hire unsheltered residents. They recommended that metrics be identified to track progress and to work with the Chief Equity Officer and HHS agencies to tap into community networks of trust.

## Item 2. Post-Secondary Education Program Update

The second item was a presentation on the Post-Secondary Education Program Update by Barbara Wadley-Young, Acting CSB Executive Director and Kevin Lafin, CSB division director. The presentation was a response to a Board directive to consider more cost-effective options for the post-secondary education program. Presenters gave an overview of the Post-Secondary Education Program, provided four cost containment considerations, and highlighted the actions CSB staff have taken to date to offset the program costs.

Board members then asked questions and discussed contracted providers, provider training, tutoring and companion services, Medicaid waiver eligibility and services covered, outcome measures, and unmet needs of college-bound support.

## Adjournment

The committee meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.