

## **Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee – October 17, 2017**

Conference Room 11

### ***Board of Supervisors Members Present:***

Sharon Bulova, Chairman  
Penelope Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)  
Jeff McKay, Lee District (Committee Chair)  
John Cook, Braddock District  
John Foust, Dranesville District  
Pat Herrity, Springfield District  
Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill District  
Kathy Smith, Sully District  
Linda Smyth, Providence District  
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District

### ***Meeting Agenda:***

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/board-committees/meetings/2017/oct17-legislative-agenda.pdf>

### ***Meeting Materials:***

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/board-committees/meetings/2017/archive.htm>

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 A.M.

### ***Summary of Discussion:***

#### **Board of Supervisors 2018 Draft Legislative Program:**

The Board reviewed the following items:

- Priorities:
  - Funding Core Services – Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
    - The Legislative Committee requested that staff incorporate language into the WMATA position statement based on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) resolution, specifically relating to the number of experienced/non-experienced as well as elected/non-elected individuals on the WMATA board. The Legislative Committee also asked that staff highlight the investment in WMATA by localities.
  - Funding Core Services – Transportation Funding
    - The Legislative Committee discussed the topic of Potomac River crossings, and expressed diverse opinions on projects that could be highlighted in this section. Staff were directed to revise the language, taking the Committee's comments into account.
  - Funding Core Services – State Budget
- Position Statements:
  - Funding – Public Safety/Courts Funding
  - General Laws – Sexual Orientation

- Human Services – Restructuring Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
- Human Services – Mental Health, Public Safety, and the Criminal Justice System
- Land Use – Proffers
- Transportation Fact Sheet

Board of Supervisors 2018 Draft Human Services Issue Paper:

- Revised Introduction
- Position Statements
  - Medicaid Waivers
  - Child Care Services
  - Early Intervention Services for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities/Part C
  - School Readiness
    - The Legislative Committee requested that staff add language about Mission: Readiness, an organization that works on strengthening national security by encouraging kids to stay in school, stay fit, and stay out of trouble.
  - Youth Safety
    - The Legislative Committee requested that staff modify the bold language in this position to include a reference to gang participation. The Legislative Committee also requested that staff reach out to the Fairfax County Public Schools system to get some information on physical activity in schools.
  - Independence and Self-Sufficiency for Older Adults and People with Disabilities
  - Brain Injury
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - Emergency Responsiveness
- Human Services Fact Sheet
  - The Legislative Committee requested that staff consider whether there is another definition of poverty that could be used on the fact sheet, and/or to add language to the fact sheet clarifying that the federal definition of poverty does not necessarily reflect the cost of living in Fairfax County.
  - The Legislative Committee also requested that staff add statistics relating to gang participation and the opioid epidemic. Additionally, Board members requested that staff review the statistics on the number of persons over the age of 65 living in poverty, and provide a breakdown by race/ethnicity to the Board.

Items for Initial Consideration. The Committee reviewed the following items and took the actions indicated below:

- Environment – Funding for the Development and Maintenance of Park Infrastructure
  - The Legislative Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to add language in support of increased funding for park infrastructure projects to the existing Land Conservation position statement in the 2018 GA Legislative Program.
- Land Use – Minor Modifications to Special Exception Conditions
  - The Legislative Committee concurred with the staff recommendation not to pursue additional special exception authority at this time, and instead continue efforts to improve local processes within existing authority, while monitoring for areas where the County may need additional local authority to further improve the zoning

process. If additional authority is needed, the Legislative Committee can revisit this issue for a future GA session.

- Human Services – Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) and Accessibility
  - The Legislative Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to continue working with interested stakeholders to educate consumers about how to provide feedback to the DMV regarding TNC accessibility issues. The Legislative Committee also concurred with the staff recommendation to further emphasize this issue in the Accessibility position in the Legislative Program and Human Services Issue Paper by adding new language. The Legislative Committee also directed staff to look at the legislative program holistically and consider other areas where accessibility and TNCs could be emphasized.
- Human Services – Serving a Petition on a Non-Petitioning Parent Prior to a Minor's Involuntary Commitment
  - The Legislative Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to gather additional information about the proposal by speaking with the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, and others, and report back to the Legislative Committee. The Legislative Committee also concurred with the staff recommendation not to recommend support for police departments, in addition to the sheriff, to serve process for the involuntary commitment of minors. Finally, the Legislative Committee asked staff to look for information on whether the County could use private process servers to help address this issue.
- Human Services – Funding for Mandated Behavioral Health Services
  - The Legislative Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to update the existing Mental Health position statement in the 2018 Human Services Issue Paper with new language in support of increased state funding for the implementation of the Commonwealth's behavioral health system transformation plan (System Transformation, Excellence, and Performance in Virginia (STEP-VA)).

#### Guardians/Conservators for Incapacitated Adults

The Legislative Committee received an overview on the topic of guardians/conservators for incapacitated adults, and the need for the appointment of an emergency conservator in certain situations. Staff anticipate the introduction of relevant legislation in the 2018 GA, and plan to bring bills back to the Legislative Committee for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. The Legislative Committee also directed staff to look at the issue of compensation for conservators.

#### Revenue Impact of Tax Preferences Presentation

The Legislative Committee received an update on the Joint Subcommittee to Evaluate Tax Preferences. Staff distributed a presentation on the revenue impact of tax preferences in Virginia. The Legislative Committee directed staff to look at the introduction of the Legislative Program, and consider bolding existing language as it relates to this topic.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

***Votes Taken:*** None

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