Community Survey of Older Adults in Fairfax County

Update

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Work done to date:

- <u>May 1, 2018</u>: Board matter requesting county staff provide information on the parameters of a possible **comprehensive community-wide survey of the older adult population in the County.**

- <u>May 24, 2018</u>: In a memo to the Board the County Executive directs staff to **pursue vendor support** to conduct a community-wide survey of older adults in Fairfax County.

- <u>Summer of 2018</u>: **A committee** of an existing internal older adult staff workgroup (CSB, DFS, NCS, Health Department, Housing and Community Development, Office of Strategy Management) **formed and began meeting to discuss options**.

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- <u>Summer of 2018 (continued)</u>: The **committee researched available survey instruments** using the following guidelines:
  - Survey should solicit **input directly from older adults.**
  - Survey should use census data to develop a **representative sample from our community**, not just current clients.
  - Survey should have a robust database of responses so that Fairfax County data can be **benchmarked against other jurisdictions**.
  - Survey should be developed by professionals with expertise in the fields of aging services, planning, parks and recreation, transportation, and neighborhood services, among others.

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- Next steps:
  - Procure contract with vendor with **anticipated project start in early 2019**.
  - Provide Board with copy of the survey instrument before it is distributed to citizens.
  - The **timeline** for the administration of this project **is approximately 12-16 weeks**.
  - The results of the survey will be reported at a future 50+ Committee meeting and used in updating the 50+ Community Action Plan, as well as the next iteration of the Health & Human Services Needs Assessment planned for 2019. It will also be useful in the BOS strategic planning and resource allocation efforts underway.