

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee – October 2, 2018

Conference Room 11

Board of Supervisors Members Present:

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

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Meeting Materials

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The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Summary of Discussion:

Board of Supervisors 2019 Draft Legislative Program

The Committee reviewed the following items:

- **Priorities**
 - **Funding Core Services – Transportation Funding**
 - In addition to the County projects listed as receiving partial or no funding in the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's (NVTA) program, Committee members noted that some projects that were fully funded in the latest round of funding may not receive future funding necessary to complete the project.
 - **Funding Core Services – State Budget**
 - Committee members noted that Delegate Watts may be working on a presentation on the federal tax changes, and directed staff to find out more information about this presentation.
 - **Governance – Local Authority**

- Initiatives/Action Statements
 - Transportation – Six-Year Secondary System Construction Program (SSYP) Public Hearing

Board of Supervisors 2019 Draft Human Services Issue Paper

The Committee reviewed the following items:

- Revised Introduction
 - Committee members directed staff to make a small technical change to the language.
- Priorities
 - Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention
 - Substance Use Disorder
 - The Legislative Committee directed staff to find out how much Medicaid expansion funding may be available to help with treatment of substance use disorders.
- Position Statements
 - Medicaid Waivers
 - Children and Families – Children’s Services Act (CSA)
 - Children and Families – Child Care Services
 - Children and Families – Early Intervention Services for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities/Part C
 - Children and Families – School Readiness
 - The Legislative Committee directed staff to add language explaining why some Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) slots allocated to the County are not being used.
 - Children and Families – Foster Care/Kinship Care
 - Children and Families – Youth Safety
 - Older Adults and People with Disabilities – Disability Services Board (DSB)
 - Older Adults and People with Disabilities – Independence and Self-Sufficiency for Older Adults and People with Disabilities
 - Older Adults and People with Disabilities – Adult Protective Services (APS)
 - Older Adults and People with Disabilities – Brain Injury
 - Health, Well Being, and Safety – Domestic and Sexual Violence
 - The Committee directed staff to include more recent statistics regarding the number of domestic violence victims served by Fairfax County’s Domestic Violence Action Center, and to also include a statistic on the number of homeless children who are homeless due to domestic violence.
 - Behavioral Health – STEP-VA
 - Behavioral Health – Emergency Responsiveness
 - Committee members asked whether the capacity of the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute (NVMHI) could be increased if individuals who

were adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity were moved to other locations. Staff said they did not believe that moving these individuals would be a long-term solution to increasing capacity at NVMHI. The Legislative Committee directed staff to include more explicit language about the distribution of state funding to CSBs, and also to consider emphasizing how capacity issues can impact the treatment needs of individuals.

- Human Services Fact Sheet
 - The Legislative Committee directed staff to make a technical change to the fact sheet, and also to circulate the 2018 fact sheet so that Committee members could reference it in comparison to the draft 2019 fact sheet.
- Other
 - Committee members commented on the length of the issue paper, and directed staff to streamline the issue paper to reduce the information and length. Specifically, Committee members suggested that some statistics could be moved to the fact sheet, and the format could be revised to reduce background information and emphasize the County's positions.

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

- Environment – Solar Freedom
 - The Legislative Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to direct staff to retain the current position on Global Climate Change/Environmental Sustainability Initiatives in the Legislative Program and add additional language to further emphasize solar net metering (draft position included in the item with new text in yellow). The Committee also concurred with the recommendation to monitor for the introduction of specific legislation in 2019, in order to bring related bills to Legislative Committee for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, the Legislative Committee directed staff to complete a comparative economic analysis on the issue, and based on the findings, consider adding language to the position.
- Human Services – Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) and Accessibility
 - The Legislative Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to direct the Disability Services Board to gather data on TNC wheelchair accessibility as part of its needs assessment. The Committee also concurred with the staff recommendation to retain existing language in the Legislative Program and Human Services Issue Paper on TNCs and bring relevant bills to Legislative Committee for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.
- Transportation – Sidewalks
 - The Legislative Committee directed staff to draft language to add to the Initiatives/Action Statements section of the Legislative Program.

Other

The Legislative Committee directed staff to research the issue of deer management in Fairfax County and provide an update to the Committee. Additionally, Committee members discussed the issue of snow removal in Fairfax County, and directed staff to recirculate the most recent materials presented to the BOS on this topic, and also to provide that information to the business community.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Votes Taken: None

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