

Response to Questions on the FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Supervisor Hudgins

Question: Provide a list of other areas in which budget reductions would be considered if the programs identified for reductions, proposed by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) in the CSB's March 10, 2008 presentation to the Human Services Council, were not made.

Response: The CSB proposed to eliminate or modify the following programs in FY 2009 in order to balance the FY 2009 budget: Alternative House, CrisisLink, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital for Psychiatric Services, Mental Health Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Team, Infant and Toddler Connection Contract, and Juvenile Court Detention Center Beta Sentencing/Treatment Program.

Other areas in which budget reductions would be considered if the proposed cuts or modifications cannot be made include: transportation; day support (vocational and employment); selected forensic services; and individual, family and group treatment services. In addition, the CSB is awaiting more definitive information on regulatory and fiscal changes pending at the federal and state levels which may also impact the CSB's FY 2009 budget and program services. Therefore, a final list of recommended actions for balancing the FY 2009 budget will be developed as part of the CSB's *FY 2008 Carryover Budget Review* submission. In response to Mental Health Law Reform initiatives, the CSB expects to continue placing a high priority on the preservation of services to persons with mental illness.