

Lines of Business Reduction Impact Statements

Health Department

001-71-297 Close Annandale Adult Day Health Care Center

LOB Number	LOB Title	Positions	Expenditures	Revenue	Net Reduction
71-01	Long Term Care	9 / 9.0 SYE	\$487,204	\$234,069	\$253,135

DESCRIPTION OF REDUCTION

The Annandale Adult Day Health Care Center will be closed as a result of this reduction. This facility is one of six sites that provide adult day care services. There are nine positions associated with this reduction: one Public Health Nurse III position, one Public Health Nurse II position, one Senior Home Health Aide position, four Home Health Aides positions, one Park and Recreations Specialist position, and one Administrative Assistant IV position.

IMPACT OF REDUCTION

There are approximately 30 participants enrolled in the Annandale Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) center. This center serves frail elderly and adults with disabilities who need supervision during the day due to cognitive and/or physical impairments. The average age of these participants is 85 years old. The majority of the participants meet nursing home placement criteria, needing assistance with feeding, toileting and other activities of daily living. The closure of the Annandale ADHC center impacts the participants and their caregivers, who will need to identify alternative care options, including using one of the five remaining centers. There are limited non-County alternative sources of adult day health care services in the community for elderly or adults with disabilities. The one facility that is available would be cost prohibitive for those with low income. Nursing home placement may be the only remaining option for some families.

In addition to the direct impact of this closure on Annandale program participants, the Annandale closure will increase the waiting period from seven to 21 weeks for the adult frail and elderly who currently are waiting for ADHC services; actual wait times will depend on the site requested by a participant's family and on the availability FASTRAN transportation. FASTRAN operates according to catchment areas and can only serve residents who travel from their home to a facility in the same catchment area. Approximately 50 percent of the Annandale ADHC participants are dependent on FASTRAN for transportation to the center and may not be able to attend an ADHC outside of their catchment area.

After a careful review of all programs in the Health Department and other activities and services, closure of the Annandale ADHC center, one of six centers, was selected. The decision to close this center was based on the size, age of the facility and the geographic proximity to other centers. It is recognized that admission wait times are increasing at the remaining five centers and that participant travel times are increasing, however, this reduction has the least impact on client services of all the Health Department programs that were reviewed.

In order to maximize the five remaining centers, the Health Department will be examining ways to address the trend in participants who are more impaired upon admission to the program. Serious impairments result in increased participant turnover, necessitating expedient processing of others on the waiting list to fill vacant spots. It will also be working to achieve a better alignment of FASTRAN catchment areas with the ADHC sites used by current program participants.

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001-71-298 Eliminate Environmental Hazards Investigation Program

LOB Number	LOB Title	Positions	Expenditures	Revenue	Net Reduction
71-01	Environmental Health	2 / 2.0 SYE	\$139,584	\$0	\$139,584

DESCRIPTION OF REDUCTION

This reduction eliminates the Environmental Hazards Investigation Program, which includes two positions – one Environmental Health Specialist III position and one Environmental Health Specialist II position.

IMPACT OF REDUCTION

The Health Department will no longer perform chemical and other hazardous material emergency response, such as providing support to the Hazardous Materials Response program in Fire and Rescue Department, conducting inspections of naturally occurring asbestos, or providing assistance to County residents in investigating possible exposures to home hazardous materials and mold. These services will need to be provided by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality or by private consultants. The County is mandated to conduct investigations of elevated blood lead levels in children. This function, now performed by the Environmental Hazards Investigation Program, will shift to the Community Health and Safety Section of the Health Department.

Environmental Hazards Investigation staff currently provides approximately 1,000 services per year, performing investigations or providing homeowner assistance for environmental hazards such as lead, radon, asbestos, and mercury, as well as mold and other biological hazards. The elimination of this program potentially affects every resident of the County. However, those most directly impacted are the residents who live in older homes and members of the Hazardous Materials program who now depend on Health Department staff to advise them when an area or structure is safe for occupancy or reentry. It is noted that a large portion of Health Department programs and services are state or federally mandated. The Environmental Hazards Investigation Program does not have a state or federal mandate requiring that the County provide this service.

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<i>Health Department</i>					
001-71-299 Reduce Clinic Room Aides Program by Decreasing Hours					
LOB Number	LOB Title	Positions	Expenditures	Revenue	Net Reduction
71-06	School Health	0 / 0.0 SYE	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000
DESCRIPTION OF REDUCTION					
This reduction in the Clinic Room Aide (CRA) budget includes the reduction of hours worked by each CRA in County schools.					
IMPACT OF REDUCTION					
<p>The impact of a \$750,000 reduction in the Clinic Room Aide (CRA) budget results in a 16 percent reduction in the total program funding and a decrease in service availability to children throughout the school day. This reduction is met by the elimination of 31 substitute CRA limited term positions that currently provide coverage during CRA vacancies and scheduled absences, and by decreasing the current 35 hour CRA work week. It will impact 189 Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) sites and the ability to provide care to sick and injured students and to facilitate medication administration on a daily basis.</p> <p>As the number of students with complex health needs increases, the CRA helps to ensure daily compliance with student health plans developed by the Public Health Nurse (PHN). The CRA is also responsible for vision and hearing screening for students in kindergarten, third, seventh, and tenth grades as well as for all students new to the County.</p> <p>The CRA serves a critical role in early identification of communicable disease incidences in the school. In instances where there are high occurrences of illness with symptoms such as vomiting and fever that may indicate a potential communicable disease, this position serves as the link to the Public Health Nurse and other Health Department resources for investigation and remediation.</p> <p>In FY 2008, 755,220 students visited a CRA, and the CRA's administered over 850 different types of medications each day.</p> <p>The Health Department will be discussing with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) the best plan to manage the reduction in CRA hours.</p>					

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001-71-300 Eliminate the Air Pollution Control Program

LOB Number	LOB Title	Positions	Expenditures	Revenue	Net Reduction
71-01	Environmental Health	4 / 4.0 SYE	\$231,300	\$0	\$231,300

DESCRIPTION OF REDUCTION

This reduction eliminates the Air Pollution Control Program. There are four positions associated with this reduction, two Environmental Health Specialist III positions and two Environmental Health Specialist II positions. An Air Quality Program Manager position will be retained for overall air quality planning and to represent the County in state and regional initiatives.

IMPACT OF REDUCTION

Elimination of the Air Pollution Control program impacts every resident of the County. It also significantly impacts air pollution control efforts in the Metropolitan Washington D.C. region. The County will be unable to report air quality data to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Existing EPA models that track air quality for the Metropolitan Washington D.C. region are dependant on Fairfax County data, and loss of data from the County's monitoring stations will require regional models to be reconfigured. The state monitoring station located in Lee District Park is not affected by County budget reductions and would remain in service, but it could be affected by the elimination of EPA funding to the state.

The elimination of the Air Pollution Monitoring program requires the cessation of monitoring services currently being provided at the Luck Stone Quarry in Centreville, Vulcan Stone Quarries in Lorton, the I-95 Energy Resource Recovery Facility and the Alexandria/Arlington Energy Resource Recovery Facility. In addition, special studies performed by County staff to monitor pollution from businesses and idling motor vehicles will end. Some of these services and studies may need to be contracted out to private consultants which could result in higher costs.

It is noted that a large portion of Health Department programs and services are state or federally mandated. The Air Pollution Control Program does not have a state or federal mandate requiring that the County provide this service. There is an EPA mandate that air quality be monitored, but this mandate is incumbent upon the state and not the County. The Metropolitan Washington Area Council of Governments (COG) will likely challenge any attempts to remove County-operated stations due to the impact on the air quality models discussed previously.

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001-71-301 Eliminate Funding for the Saturday Center-Based Respite Program

LOB Number	LOB Title	Positions	Expenditures	Revenue	Net Reduction
71-05	Long Term Care	0 / 0.0 SYE	\$14,697	\$3,092	\$11,605

DESCRIPTION OF REDUCTION

The elimination of funding for the Saturday Center-based Respite Program is based on the program's discontinuation. The Saturday Center-based Respite program provided modified adult day health care services to frail elderly and adults with disabilities who could not stay alone safely at home due to cognitive and/or physical impairment. The Program had operated on a rotating schedule at both the Lincolnia and Lewinsville sites, but was discontinued in January 2009 due to low participation.

IMPACT OF REDUCTION

In the absence of this program, working family caregivers of frail elderly and adults with disabilities may have limited time to attend to other family-life related activities without worrying about the safety of their loved one at home alone.

It is noted that a large portion of Health Department programs and services are state or federally mandated. The Saturday Center-based Respite program is not mandated.

The Health Department has retained \$300,000 in its budget for the Alzheimer's Family Day Care (AFDC) program to assure access for Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) participants and/or Fairfax County residents who need late stage Alzheimer's disease care.

001-71-302 Reduce Limited Term Funding Support for Specialized Needs

LOB Number	LOB Title	Positions	Expenditures	Revenue	Net Reduction
71-11	Program Management	0 / 0.0 SYE	\$93,831	\$0	\$93,831

DESCRIPTION OF REDUCTION

This reduction eliminates the limited flexibility within the department to provide short term and part-time assistance to address the agency's unanticipated need for additional operational support.

IMPACT OF REDUCTION

With this reduction, the agency is no longer able to temporarily hire individuals with specialty concentrations to assist in irregular unanticipated needs. In the past, specialized assistance has been utilized in assisting the Health Department with examining and creating guidelines for the disability retirement process for the County Retirement Board. The part time hiring of a doctor who specializes in Occupational Medicine was required to provide the County Retirement Board with the level of knowledge that was needed. Specialized assistance also has been utilized in establishing the Health Department as a health care provider with several different private sector health care plans, primarily focusing on assuring the correct installation of tracking and billing systems.

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001-71-303 Reduce Long Term Care Services					
LOB Number	LOB Title	Positions	Expenditures	Revenue	Net Reduction
71-08	Long Term Care	0 / 0.0 SYE	\$97,629	\$0	\$97,629
DESCRIPTION OF REDUCTION					
This reduction in services reduces operational expenses in both contracts and scheduled participant field trips.					
IMPACT OF REDUCTION					
<p>The reduction in Long Term Care services will be accomplished by controlling the costs of contractual services for items such as bringing the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) to Fairfax County; and by including one less quarterly field trip for the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) program participants. Field trips range from trips to museums to adaptive sports tournaments.</p> <p>It is noted that a large portion of Health Department programs and services are state or federally mandated. The execution of Long Term Care services is not mandated.</p>					