



2016 LOB Presentation Meeting Recap

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Board Members Present:

Jeff McKay, Lee District, Budget Committee Chair
Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Penelope Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)
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
Daniel Storck, Mount Vernon District

Sheriff (Stacy Kinkaid, Kevin Andariese, Mark Sites, Ray Vanneman, Cameron Shaw)

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- Inmate population declining and was 1,063 as of 2/8/16.
- Video arraignment has reduced prisoner trips to the jail and increased safety.
- Community Labor Force saves the County maintenance and landscaping costs.
- At least 40% of inmate population suffers from mental illness.
- Supervisors thanked staff on:
 - Expanded use of Community Labor Force
 - Participation in DTA's TARGET Program
 - Increased friendliness that has taken place over the past couple years.
- ? ⓘ Supervisor Herrity- Please provide metrics that demonstrate efficiency in the Office of the Sheriff.
 - Benchmark against other jurisdictions
 - Examples may be cost to house a prisoner relative to surrounding jurisdictions, supervisor employee ratio, training hours per employee, miles per, recidivism number % CIT trained officers and progress against target.
 - How do employees know they are being efficient?
 - Stormwater cited as a good example.
- Supervisor Storck reiterated that important to do more than just house prisoners.
- ? Supervisors Storck/McKay - Please describe mental health issues encountered in the jail and the partnership with Community Services Board.
- Extensive discussion took place regarding Sheriff fees and how various activities are supported by the state.
 - Where does the \$ go (state or County)?
 - Sheriff mentioned legislation being considered by the General Assembly to get more \$ to county
 - ? Supervisors Gross, Storck, McKay – Please describe the state related fees that support the Sheriff's Office including any relevant state caps, reimbursement rates/associated program costs, and current charges in the County.
- Discussion took place regarding the jail.
 - Current capacity 1,570 inmates
 - ? Supervisor Gross – Please provide a summary of jail operations, including the process for determining capital renovations and expansions, basic costs and reimbursements/funding sources; and inmate demographics.
- The Community Labor Force (CLF) was discussed?
 - Inmates earn good time credit off sentence - 5 days for every 30 days served.

- Housed separately from other inmates.
- Sheriff indicated that the County could realize additional savings if the CLF were expanded.
- ? Supervisors Hudgins and McKay - Explore expansion
- Question was asked regarding charging a fee to expand Project Lifesaver?
 - Explained there is a fee of \$25/month but many cannot pay.
 - May be needed more as population ages.

Police (Edwin Roessler, Erin Schaible, Tom Ryan, Kerene Gordon, Shawn Martin and Ted Arnn)

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- Criminal Justice Academy,
 - Question asked if Fairfax hosts other jurisdictions and receives any reimbursement.
 - Staff responded that there are in-kind sharing arrangements with other partners to make sure spots are filled and resources are used most effectively.
 - Would have to be licensed if wanted to charge.
- For new South County Police Station and want to make sure that new staff is being added, not moved from other stations.
 - Discussion took place regarding how staffing across stations is determined.
 - Chief responded that supervisors will be included in boundary exercise, as well as Board's Public Safety Committee.
 - Looking at data will inform boundary exercise.
- ? Supervisor McKay - Please provide a 6-8 year history of funding and personnel by LOB.
 - Address perceptions that resources (funding and personnel) have been shifted from certain activities.
- Crimes against the elderly are important.
- ? Supervisor Herrity – What are the wait times for financial crimes?
- ? Supervisor Herrity – Does the Animal Shelter track data on successful animal adoptions?
- ? Supervisor Foust – Please describe the work of the Homicide Squad, including data tracked (slide 16).
 - Optics important (Foust, McKay, Gross).
 - Highlights complexities associated with putting data out there in effort to increase transparency.
- ⌚ Want periodic updates on heroin use in Fairfax County (supply, fatalities, etc).
 - Chief responded that they have a good grip on the supply issue.
 - Relatively inexpensive, so appealing.
 - HIPPA presents challenges in sharing data.
- ? Supervisor Smyth – Please provide statistics regarding crimes associated with unlocked doors, windows and cars.
 - Use to encourage safer behaviors and discourage crime.

Prevent and End Homelessness (Dean Klein, Tom Barnett, Dana Thompson)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/lob/2016/g7373-ppt.pdf>

- ? Supervisor Cook – Provide an update on the number of chronically homeless individuals and the barriers they face.
 - Ten Year Plan has encouraged HUD to provide more funding for permanent supportive housing.
 - HEARTH Act-supports OPEH's approach as well.
- Discussion regarding the individuals who refuse homeless services and shelters.
 - Staff pointed out that the numbers are small.
 - Persistent outreach efforts have been successful.
- ? Supervisor Herrity - Please describe the successful progression of OPEH clients from homelessness to supportive housing to more independent housing arrangements, including numbers of clients that have moved through the continuum and the general amount of time it took (slide 12).
- Mental health issues prevalent among the homeless population.
- Discussion took place regarding stability of federal funding.
 - Staff responded that Fairfax County has fared well with Continuum of Care (CoC) grant.
 - Family homelessness is a priority in the President's new budget.
- ⌚ Keep the Board aware of County's competitiveness in the CoC grant process.

- Discussion took place regarding Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness
 - Set out to end homelessness as we knew it.
 - Not realistic to eliminate homelessness for everyone.
 - County is making progress towards that goal.
- Federal definition if homelessness discussed.
 - Very strict definition.
 - Department of Education differs in that housing stability taken into account.

Housing and Community Development (Tom Fleetwood, Hossein Malayeri, Robert Easley, Marijke Hannam)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/lob/2016/housing-ppt.pdf>

- All charts show County and FCRHA employees, but there is no difference between these employees
 - Reflects funding sources.
 - \$2 on slide 30 reflects a cost center (internal) misposting, not adjusted for presentation to be consistent with financial system reports. Postings to fund is correct to ensure compliance with financial standards.
- Regarding the 30,000 gap in affordable housing (slide 38):
 - ? Supervisor Herry - Please provide information regarding the source and calculation of the 30,000 gap in affordable housing units.
 - Do they sub lease?
- ⌚ Supervisor Herry – Consider inclusion of property management metrics and benchmarks to other jurisdictions to demonstrate efficiency.
- Regarding rental subsidies (LOB 325, slide 38), discussion ensued regarding whether or not the numbers reflect individuals re-locating from other jurisdictions or just County residents.
 - Staff explained that some are port-ins, meaning they bring their federal Housing Choice Voucher with them from another jurisdiction.
 - We also have port-outs – people that take Housing Choice Voucher.
 - Federal Housing Choice Voucher has a “Live Work” option/priority.
- ⌚ Supervisor Herry – Consider metrics that show people moving through and out of the housing continuum.
 - Do we track the number of people who move out of our system to a more financially independent scenario?
- Desire for metrics showing efficiency and effective use of taxpayer resources reiterated.
 - Staff explained that the FCRHA is working to move people toward their highest level of self-sufficiency.
 - Moving to Work metrics are reported to HUD annually and demonstrate outcomes.
- ? Supervisor McKay – Please describe how HCD and Capital Facilities work together on development projects.
- ⌚ What can the BOS do to incentivize the private sector to create more affordable housing? Consider the following:
 - Zoning ordinance amendments to reduce building costs.
 - Cost per unit for private sector to build vs. county constructing.
 - Continue to leverage other funding sources, such as tax credit financing, that might offset the costs.
- How can we do a better job of housing the people who live and work here?
 - Are there other jurisdictions around the country that are similar to us that are successful in achieving this goal
- The ratio of 1:5 (County dollars to non-County funding) clarified in that it does not necessarily mean that additional County dollars will result in additional other resources at that ratio.
 - Reflect the relative proportions of funding.
- Supervisor complimented staff on the presentation and making a complicated subject easy to follow.
 - Discussion took place regarding the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA).
 - ✦ FCRHA does have funds that are not appropriated by the County, but they are included in the presentation to provide comprehensive picture of affordable housing.
 - ✦ FCRHA adopt its budget after the BOS adopts the County budget.
- Discussion regarding the Strategic Plan/Housing Blueprint took place.
 - Community involvement.
 - Must simplify –Presentation at May Housing Committee.
- The Real Estate Tax support shown reflect the ½ penny dedicated to affordable housing.
- Discussion regarding Virginia Housing Trust Fund and General Assembly activity regarding proffers discussed.