

Testimony of Diane Tuininga to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors On behalf of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

FY 2020 Advertised Budget Hearing

April 11, 2019

Good afternoon, Chairman Bulova and members of the Board. I am Diane Tuininga, member of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

Last year, the CSB provided services to nearly 24,000 individuals with challenges relating to mental health, substance use disorder and developmental disabilities. This board's support and understanding of the critical services we provide to the most vulnerable in our community is what makes this level of service possible.

I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to voice CSB's support for the requests included in the FY 2020 Advertised Budget. The proposed budget meets the CSB's critical needs for FY 2020. We ask that you support the total increase of \$10 million and the additional 12 Full Time Equivalent staff positions.

The CSB is grateful that the county continues to prioritize Diversion First and the Opioid Task Force. These remain two of CSB's top priorities as well, and the proposed budget reflects the critical importance of these initiatives.

Moving forward, the CSB will continue its efforts toward the decriminalization of mental illness through Diversion First. County partnerships between the CSB, court services, law enforcement, fire department and the community are key to the success of this initiative. Since January 2016, over 1,300 people have been diverted from potential arrest to assessment, treatment and supports. Your support of this budget priority is critical as the CSB works to sustain these improvements.

CSB continues to prioritize combatting the opioid epidemic through treatment programs, a community-driven prevention coalition and community education efforts. The \$2.09 million in designated CSB funding will help the CSB increase medical detoxification services, medication-assisted treatment, residential treatment and other services to opioid users.

The proposed budget also provides funds to support CSB's priority of serving the growing number of individuals with developmental disabilities in an equitable and sustainable manner. The FY 2020 Advertised Budget includes \$320,000 and five new support coordinator positions to help the CSB meet the requirements of mandated support coordination services. The proposed budget also includes the \$2.47 million needed for CSB to serve the June 2019 special education graduates.

Youth behavioral health remains a focus of the CSB. We ask that the board support the new investments in Healthy Minds Fairfax. The CSB works closely with Healthy Minds to ensure that

children, youth and families access the type and level of behavioral health care that best meets their needs.

Lastly, the CSB wants to thank the Affordable Housing Resource Panel for their recommendations. We look forward to supporting county efforts to make housing more accessible and affordable.

Thank you for your time today. We are grateful for your support and leadership.

**Testimony of Jennifer Adeli to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
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Good afternoon, my name is Jennifer Adeli, and I am a member of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Governance Board. I am here with my board colleagues, Diane Tuininga and Edward Rose, to offer our support for the FY 2020 Advertised Budget.

It is my privilege to be here before you today representing the CSB. Thank you for your continued support. I'd like to focus my time with you on detailing some anticipated funding issues surrounding the allocation of state funds and business operations relating to the six new managed care organizations.

Over this past year, CSB joined many in the Commonwealth to celebrate Medicaid expansion. I am happy to report that CSB staff have already exceeded their initial goal of getting 600 individuals signed up for Medicaid. However, as part of Medicaid expansion, CSBs throughout the Commonwealth are dealing with a reduction in state funding. For our CSB, this reduction is \$1.69 million for the current fiscal year and \$4.36 million for FY 2020. These reductions assumed that the CSB would receive increased revenue because of newly-eligible Medicaid participants. However, the CSB cannot make up this reduction through additional billings resulting from newly-eligible participants.

The 2019 General Assembly acted on this significant revenue issue, but updates to the biennium budget only include a one-time possible infusion of \$7 million for the entire state. With no annual adjustment to general funds, our CSB remains concerned with the impact of this reduction in Medicaid funding.

Another issue that CSB anticipates will continue to impact revenue is around the transition to managed care in the Commonwealth. The implementation of the six new managed care organizations has a significant impact on business operations at the CSB as staff continue learning how best to deal with six different sets of rules and procedures. Staff will continue to focus on the best ways to meet the goal of maximizing revenue recovery.

To close, the CSB will keep the Board of Supervisors and county leaders up-to-date on how Medicaid expansion and the associated reductions in state general funds impact operations. Staff at the CSB will also continue working to address administrative issues relating to managed care to alleviate any future financial strain.

Thank you for your continued support, which allows the CSB to serve the residents of Fairfax County and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church.

Testimony of Edward Rose to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors On behalf of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

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Good afternoon. My name is Edward Rose, and I am secretary of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. You have just heard from my board colleagues, Diane Tuininga and Jennifer Adeli, about the CSB's support for the FY 2020 Advertised Budget and some potential funding issues in future fiscal years. I will use my time with you today to continue sharing about upcoming fiscal challenges.

As the Commonwealth works to implement its System Transformation Excellence and Performance (STEP-VA) initiative, CSBs around the state have yet to see adequate funding for full implementation. While we support the goals of STEP-VA and are grateful for the significant local funding from Fairfax County, meeting state requirements will require additional resources. Thus far, insufficient funding has been provided for same-day assessment and primary care screening, the two newly mandated core services that go into effect on July 1, 2019. The level of funding provided to CSBs, including the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB, is not enough to cover the number of individuals served. While the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services has been engaging with CSB executive directors on the formula for funding allocations, our CSB does anticipate that future funding from DBHDS will not allow the CSB to fully meet the state's requirements for the nine core behavioral health services mandated by STEP-VA.

The critical issue of the allocation of state funds as discussed by my board colleague and the ongoing implementation of STEP-VA, are issues likely to affect CSB's budget in future fiscal years. The CSB will continue working with the county's government affairs team to keep legislators informed of these issues. We greatly appreciate this board's engagement during the 2019 General Assembly Session. Chairman Bulova eloquently detailed the CSB's state funding challenges during the January General Assembly budget hearings. The CSB feels it is of critical importance we continue to encourage the Virginia General Assembly and DBHDS to provide adequate funding to CSBs.

Thank you again for providing the opportunity for the CSB to share its budget priorities. On behalf of the CSB, I also thank you for the sustained and generous support provided by the Board of Supervisors.