

Advisory Social Services Board (ASSB)
Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 7:00pm-8:30pm
Zoom Virtual Platform due to COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Members Present:

- **David Jonas (Chair)** attending virtually from the Mason district.
- **Sarah Newman** attending virtually from the Hunter Mill district.
- **Nancy Hall** attending virtually from the Mason district.
- **Alice Foltz** attending virtually from the Sully district.
- **Karen Darley** attending virtually from the Braddock district. (Joined late)
- **Stephanie Sedgwick** attending virtually from the Dranesville district.
- **Andre Lee** attending virtually from the City of Fairfax.

Members not Present:

- **Amrita Banerjees**

Staff:

- Melanie Fenwick, DFS Senior Policy Manager
- Alycia Blackwell, DFS Deputy Director
- Kristina Jordan, DFS Documentarian
- Aimee Brobst, County wide Strategic Plan Coordinator
- Tara Turner, Area Agency on Aging Director
- Carolyn Sutterfield, Chair, Commission on Aging

- **This meeting was held via Zoom Virtual Platform due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.**
- **The public was able to access this meeting by dialing 888-270-9936 and then entering the conference code 371526.**

Meeting Opening:

- David Jonas called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
- David Jonas read the electronic meeting script as authorized by FOIA and performed roll call establishing that each member can hear each other.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from 4/21/2021 were approved by ASSB Chair and Board.

Countywide Strategic Plan:

- Aimee Brobst, Countywide Strategic Plan Coordinator presented.

- Goals:
 - Vision: Set a clear, unified community-driven vision for the next 10-20 years
 - Integration: Align and integrate existing issue- and department-specific plans
 - Focus: Provide a tool for focusing and prioritizing county initiatives over the next 3-5 years
 - Progress: Communicate progress on achieving measurable outcomes to all stakeholders
- Guiding Principles:
 - Equity Lens: Apply a racial and social equity lens to engagement efforts and strategy development
 - Inclusive Engagement: Create multiple avenues for community, stakeholder and employee engagement
 - Community Outcomes: Define community-focused outcomes and strategies (vs. government-centric)
 - Data-Driven: Use data-driven insights and develop evidence-based strategies
- Themes:
 - Access: Eliminating barriers and engaging the community in solutions to address them
 - Affordability: Working to ensure all residents can meet their most fundamental needs
 - Collaboration and Engagement: Leveraging the creativity, diversity, and energy of residents, businesses, and community organizations
 - Innovation: Embracing change and seeking new ways of working
 - Sustainability: Responsible stewardship of community resources and the consideration of long-term impacts of our policies and practices
 - Placemaking: Creating environments where all people can thrive
- Priority Outcomes:
 - Cultural and recreational opportunities
 - Economic opportunity
 - Effective and efficient government
 - Empowerment and support for residents facing vulnerability
 - Health and environment
 - Housing and neighborhood livability
 - Lifelong education and learning
 - Mobility and transportation
 - Safety and security
- Strategic Plan Timeline-2019
 - Community Engagement- Round 1: January-March
 - Priorities Defined and Strategy Teams Formed: March-May
 - Research Conducted for Each Priority Area: April-July
 - Community Engagement-Round 2: August-October
 - Finalized Proposed Plan: November-December
- Strategic Plan Timeline-2021 (Following 2020 public pause)
 - Community Engagement-Round 3: January-April
 - NEW: Community Engagement-Round 4: May-August
 - NEW: Second Round of Revisions to Proposed Plan: May-September
 - NEW: Board Discussions and Adoption Plan: June-October
 - NEW: Implementation Begins: October-December

Shape the Future of Aging Plan:

- Tara Turner, Area Agency on Aging Director and Carolyn Sutterfield, Chair, Commission on Aging presented.
- Adult and Aging Division Mission Statement:
 - To promote and sustain a high quality of life for older adults, adults with disabilities and caregivers by offering a mixture of services and resources provided through public and private sectors which maximize personal choice, dignity, and independence.
- Who makes up the Fairfax Area Commission Aging (COA)?
 - 12 members. One from each district within Fairfax County
- What does the Fairfax COA do?
 - Review and provide comments on the area plan that the AAA submits to the state every four years
 - Provide older persons the opportunity to provide opinions in open forums
 - Represent the interest in older persons
- The 50+ Community Action Plan:
 - Long-Range planning
 - Services for older adults and family caregivers
 - Safe and healthy community
 - Community engagement
 - Transportation
 - Housing
- SHAPE the Future of Aging:
 - Services for Older Adults and Family Caregivers (caregiver support, dementia friendly, resources)
 - Housing and Neighborhood Supports: (affordable housing, home modifications, home maintenance, villages, livable communities)
 - Access to Mobility Options (transportation, mobility support, walkability)
 - Personal Well0Being (community engagement, isolation, public & mental health, nutrition)
 - Economic Stability and Planning (financial stability, exploitation, employment, end of life, business partnerships)
- COVID-19:
 - SHAPE the Future of Aging-paused
 - The temporary pivot to a COVID-19 Response Plan
 - Created focus groups
 - 3 critical needs:
 - Social Isolation
 - Technology
 - Wellness
 - [COVID-19 Response Plan for Older Adults | Family Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)
- What's Next:
 - Return to working on SHAPE the Future of Aging

Updates:

- Alycia Blackwell, DFS Deputy Director presented
- Reviewed the Human Services Issue Paper Instructions
- American Rescue Plan Funding:
 - Virginia expected to receive more than \$4.3 billion in federal funds in the coming days
 - Dollars may be used to respond to acute pandemic-response needs, fill revenue shortfalls, and support communities that COVID-19 hit hardest.
 - The plan is to allocate federal dollars to five specific needs:
 - Help public health
 - Help small businesses
 - Help workers
 - Help public schools
 - Fully deploy broadband across Virginia

One Fairfax Acknowledgement:

- Melanie Fenwick presented
- An email was sent out around May 1st in reference to the One Fairfax Acknowledgement
- Please watch the video and sign the acknowledgement
- The deadline to complete this is June 30, 2021

Children in Foster Care:

- Alycia Blackwell, DFS Deputy Director presented
- Foster Care Removal Addresses and Non-Relative DFS Homes map was presented
- Highest removal by city is Alexandria
- Highest removal by zip code is 22003
- Lowest removal by city is Oakton
- Lowest removal by zip code is 20171
- Top placement by city is Springfield
- Top place by zip code is 22003
- Bottom placement city is Sterling
- Bottom placement by zip code is 20110

Chair's Announcements:

- David Jonas presented
- Introduction of Andre Lee, new member from City of Fairfax
- There will be a pause on selecting a new secretary. Melanie is seeking clarification from the county attorney on a few things before this will be done.
- Small sub-committees were discussed and what the ASSB would like those sub-committees to focus on.

Adjourned:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Next ASSB meeting:

- Wednesday, June 16, 2021 from 7:00pm-8:30pm