

**Monday, Jan. 11, 2021**

**FA-DSB Members in Attendance:**

- Deborah Hammer, Chair, Mount Vernon District
- Chester Freedenthal, Vice-Chair, Lee District
- Judith Turcott, Secretary, Fairfax City
- Deborah Cohen, Braddock District
- Andrew Magill, At-Large
- Sailesh Panchang, Sully District
- Doris Ray, At-Large
- Melandee Jones Canady, At-Large
- Seat vacant at this time, Providence District

**FA-DSB Members Absent from the Meeting:**

- Michele "Cookie" Hymen Blitz, Hunter Mill District (excused)
- Mary Pauline Jones, Springfield District(excused)
- Tom Bash, At-Large
- Ayman Eldarwish, Mason District

**DSB Support Staff:** Claudia Vila, Nicole Fagan, Trina Mayhan-Webb (Department of Family Services)

**Others Present:** Colin Brody (Health Department), ASL interpreter(s), Laura Tollin (member of the public)

The board conducted a wholly electronic meeting because the COVID-19 pandemic made it unsafe to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present.

Board members and staff support accessed the meeting via the Zoom web platform. All board members stated calling from their home district.

Members of the public accessed the meeting via an AT&T call line.

**Minutes and Agenda:**

**1. Call to order:** 7:05 p.m. Roll call was done to establish that a quorum was present and that all could hear. A script was shared about the state of emergency necessitating a virtual meeting.

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Proposed by Deborah, it was seconded.

**3. Approval of Previous (November 2020) Minutes:** Addition of Trina Mayhan-Webb's presence at the November meeting was made to the November minutes. Minutes were approved as amended, proposed by Deborah, it was seconded. Doris was excused from the previous meeting in November due to a work meeting.

**4. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**5. Meeting Items:**

1. Colin Brody, Assistant Public Health Emergency Management Coordinator, presented information on behalf of the Health Department, via a PowerPoint presentation. Slides will be made available after the meeting. He presented on Epidemiology and Vaccination information. Mr. Brody was able to respond to numerous questions from the Board about access and logistics for receiving this vaccine as related to people with disabilities.

2. Nicole Fagan provided an update about current county resources via a PowerPoint presentation. This was included in the packet that was made available to all of the FA-DSB members. A noticeable change is taking place to the Taxi Voucher Program- see PowerPoint for a full outline of changes and updates.

3. Claudia Vila discussed the annual Lobbying Memo sent by the County Executive. This document must be presented yearly. It was noted that nothing in it had changed significantly from the past year. Any lobbying that is done as a board member should align with the adopted legislative program and/or policies of the Board of Supervisors. Claudia urged board members to reach out to her if they had any questions about the memo or if anything was unclear.

4. Claudia Vila explained that Courtney Arroyo had approached her in December about the possibility of the DSB hosting COVID Community Forums. Claudia Vila has been working with the Health Department to explore the possibility of hosting two forums.

1. First forum would be directed toward people with disabilities.
2. Second forum would be directed toward people with disabilities in addition to older adults.

Claudia Vila asked if this is something the DSB would be interested in hosting. Doris put forward a motion for the FA-DSB to sponsor two forums, seconded by Chester and passed. Claudia and Nicole will coordinate the logistics and requested for at least two DSB members be present at the forums.

5. DSB Initiatives- Survey Results - Tabled for the February meeting

6. WMATA/Metro Future Funding - Tabled for the February meeting

7. Additional Business- Deborah requested if Andrew had yet had time to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors to support signing during their meetings. Andrew stated that he will be working on this. Chester asked that any input on the bylaw revisions be sent to Claudia, who will in turn send to Chester.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 9:05 p.m. The meeting was adjourned by Deborah.

Minutes submitted by Judith Turcott, FA-DSB secretary (1.11.2020)