

FAIRFAX AREA LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (LTCCC)

MEETING INFORMATION:

Committee Name:	Government Affairs Committee
Meeting Location:	Held Virtually, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Date & Time:	Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
Note Taker:	Patricia Rohrer

ATTENDEES:

April Pinch-Keeler, Committee Chair; Lucy Beadnell, Sharon Canner, Jill Clark, Susan LeFande, Rose Mario, Elizabeth McCartney, Steve Morrison, Doris Ray, Patricia Rohrer, Robert “Sarge” Sargeant, Claudia Vila and Jacque Woodruff.

AGENDA ITEMS ADDRESSED:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Outcome/Action Steps
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by April Pinch-Keeler, Committee Chair.	
Motions to Proceed with Electronic Meeting	<p>The Government Affairs Committee of the LTCCC 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. The meeting was held via video and audio using MS Teams for computer access and a toll free telephone number for access via telephone.</p> <p>To assure public access, April (Committee Chair) asked committee members to state their names and where they were joining the meeting from. The Committee Chairman passed the virtual gavel to Assistant Committee Chair, Lucy Beadnell. The Chairman moved that each member’s voice was adequately heard by each other committee member, and specifically that each voice was clear, audible, and at an appropriate volume for all other members. The motion was seconded by Susan LeFande.</p> <p>Next the Chairman moved that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for this committee to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to physically attend any such meeting, and that as such, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA’s) usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of</p>	The Motion carried unanimously.

	<p>the Government Affairs Committee of the LTCCC and the physical presence of the public, cannot be implemented safely or practically. I further move that this committee may conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated video and audio conferencing line. The motion was seconded by Sharon Canner.</p> <p>Next the Chairman made a motion that it is required that the matters addressed on today's agenda are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of the LTCCC's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. The motion was seconded by Steve Morrison.</p> <p>The Assistant Committee Chair passed the virtual gavel back to the Chairman.</p>	<p>The Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Approval of Summary Notes from March 2, 2020 Meeting</p>	<p>The summary notes from March 2, 2020 meeting Summary Notes were reviewed.</p>	<p>The Summary Notes from the March 2, 2020 meeting were approved as written.</p>
<p>Preparation of 2021 LTCCC Human Services Issues Paper Input - to be completed in two scheduled meetings with a third reserved if needed</p>	<p>April led the committee through a review of the sections of the draft Human Services Issues Paper that are designated for LTCCC review. Lucy Beadnell, agreed to draft new language and edits on the paper, as agreed upon. This document with those changes notated are attached to these meeting notes.</p> <p>Elizabeth McCartney, staff to the CSB, shared that the CSB is considering adding some language to the Substance Use Disorder Section to retain or extend flexibility with using a tele-health option for behavior health services and will share that language with the committee.</p> <p>In the Medicaid Waiver Section, she shared that the CSB is going to propose new language regarding exiting the DOJ Settlement Agreement. Lucy agreed that it will likely be necessary to extend beyond next June to fulfill some of the DOJ requirements because of the pandemic. In this same section, April mentioned including language regarding the payment retainer.</p>	<p>Committee members to review the draft language and be prepared for a final review at the next meeting.</p> <p>Elizabeth will provide additional information about text that the CSB will recommend for the Substance Use Disorder Section.</p> <p>Elizabeth will provide additional information about text that the CSB will recommend regarding the DOJ Settlement end date and fulfilling the requirements. Lucy to craft language about this for consideration as well. April to provide language regarding the payment retainer.</p>

	<p>In the section for Disability Services Board, Doris Ray and Claudia Vila to provide any suggestions that the DSB may have. Claudia said that likely they will not make any changes to this section.</p> <p>In the Self-Sufficiency Section, Doris suggests adding language to indicate that the Commonwealth will ensure that adequate home and community-based services are available to support Money Follows the Person (MFP), a federal program for transitioning from facilities to community living.</p> <p>For the Brain Injury Section, April suggested that LTCCC member Denise Hyater be consulted. Denise is the Executive Director for Brain Injury Services of Northern Virginia.</p> <p>For the Adult Protective Services Section (APS), April asked Patricia to find out if DFS will be making any changes for consideration of LTCCC support.</p> <p>In the Medicaid Screening Section, Doris expressed concern that during COVID-19, people with disabilities who may need hospitalization are at risk of losing their housing and support services and that by the time they are discharged need to rebuild their lives all over again, obtaining housing and services.</p>	<p>If the DSB recommends changes in the DSB section, Claudia will provide at the next meeting.</p> <p>Doris Ray to review and draft language for consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>April will contact Denise Hyater about this section.</p> <p>Patricia will contact the Division Director of DFS Adult & Aging Services and bring information to the next meeting.</p> <p>Doris agreed to draft language and bring to the next meeting regarding this situation.</p>
New positions for consideration	<p>April asked if any committee members or staff support to the DSB, CSB, COA or HCAB had any new positions share. Claudia Vila shared that the DSB's Government Affairs Committee has not completed its work and that she will share what they recommend, including any new position statements. Elizabeth McCartney shared that the CSB has not presented any new positions and that if they do, she will share with this committee. Patricia Rohrer shared that she is temporarily staffing HCAB and that they may present a new item requiring greater oversight of long term facilities for infection control, because of COVID-19.</p>	<p>New positions for consideration will be on the agenda for the next committee meeting.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.</p>	

Next Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., to be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Next LTCCC Meeting: Wednesday, July 29, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., to be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.