

HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary

March 12, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marlene Blum, Chairman
Bill Finerfrock, Vice Chairman
Rose Chu, Vice Chairman
Ann Zuvekas
Ellyn Crawford
Deborah Leser
Tim Yarboro, MD
Rosanne Rodilosso
Dr. Trahos, DO

STAFF

Sherryn Craig

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Porter

GUESTS

Dominic Bonaiuto, Director of Advocacy and Community Outreach, Inova Health System
Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD, MPH, Health Director, Health Department
Rosalyn Foroobar, Deputy Director for Health Services, Health Department

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Marlene Blum at 7:37 pm.

February 12, 2018 Meeting Summary

The meeting summary from February 12, 2018 was approved as submitted.

Dr. Trahos, DO also asked the HCAB to reconsider his request to modify the January 24, 2018 meeting summary. After additional discussion and consultation with Dr. Gloria, the HCAB felt the adopted minutes reflected Deputy County Executive for Human Services Tisha Deegan's presentation and the discussion that followed.

Administrative

The HCAB thanked Rosanne Rodilosso for serving as the HCAB's representative to the Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC) for seven years. Ellyn Crawford has agreed to represent the HCAB on the LTCCC moving forward.

FY 2019 Budget Recommendations

Dr. Tim Yarboro, HCAB Budget Chair, made the following motions *seriatim* regarding the FY 2019 Advertised Budget. Dr. Trahos, DO seconded.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's proposed 5.25% net increase of \$3,111,197 for the Health Department's FY 2019 budget.

The HCAB supports the increase of \$167,292 in Personnel Services and 2/2.0 FTE new positions to expand the Nurse Family Partnership Program (NFP) to an estimated 50 new families in the Reston and Herndon areas of the County.

The HCAB supports an increase of \$130,000 in Operating Expenses to address the increase in one-on-one nursing services for medically fragile students enrolled in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).

The HCAB supports an increase of \$115,000 in Pharmacy Services to allow the Health Department to dispense anti-parasitic medication to clients in the Refugee Program.

The HCAB supports the County Executive's FY 2019 proposed funding of \$1,307,709 to implement recommendations to educate, prevent, and treat opioid addiction and abuse.

- The HCAB supports the increase of \$107,600 to enhance the Health Department's epidemiological capacity to respond to the growing opioid epidemic.
- The HCAB supports the increase of \$1,200,000 (\$1,077,700 in Personnel Services and \$122,300 in Operating Expenses) to increase education and awareness and expand the use of Medication Assisted Treatment.
- The HCAB supports the increase of \$109,000 to enhance enforcement activities.

The HCAB supports the proposed increase of \$153,370 to fund Fairfax County's proportion of the Northern Virginia Healthcare Center/Birmingham Green Adult Care Residence.

Dr. Trahos, DO moved an amendment that the HCAB oppose the proposed \$500,000 in Contributory Funding for the Inova Translational Medicine Institute (ITMI). Ann Zuvekas and Deborah Leser seconded. The amendment passed 8Y-1N.

Additionally, the HCAB made recommendations to the BOS on several areas from the Health and Human Services Resource Plan that did not receive funding in the County Executive's FY 2019 Advertised Budget.

The HCAB supports an increase of \$461,396 to fund four School Health Public Health Nurse (PHN) positions to provide care coordination for the increasing number of students with health conditions.

The HCAB supports an increase of \$262,780 to hire two Clinical Nurse Specialists to orient and train school health nurses on complex health procedures.

The HCAB supports an increase of \$115,660 to create an Environmental Health Specialist II (S-23) position in FY 2019 to strengthen the Health Department's existing rabies control program with a more robust health check mechanism. Fairfax County has one of the highest incidences of rabies in the nation, with 40-60 rabid animals identified each year. The surrounding jurisdictions in the region all use agency personnel to complete the requisite health check, but Fairfax County relies on residents' self-attestation, which has contributed to an unfavorable self-reporting rate of 20%.

The HCAB supports an increase of \$130,660 in contract funding to convert four part-time Outreach Workers to full time for the purpose of conducting street outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals in need of health services (behavioral, primary care, dental, and support services).

The HCAB supports an increase of \$374,549 to fund three (3) epidemiologist positions.

The HCAB was gravely disappointed that the County Executive's FY 2019 Advertised Budget excluded Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) technology, despite the Board of Supervisors' instructions as part of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP):

Direct County staff to support the strategic installation of traffic preemptive devices as a priority emergency management tool both during the development process, as recommended by the Planning commission, and throughout the County as opportunities allow. The installation of these devices is necessitated by new development and transportation improvement projects and can improve fire and rescue response times while extending the life of existing stations and deferring the need for additional stations.

Deborah Leser offered an amendment that the HCAB not consider employee compensation in its budget recommendations because the members lacked adequate information and the issues fell outside the HCAB's purview. Bill Finerfrock seconded. The amendment failed 3-Y, 4-N, and 2 abstentions.

The HCAB recommended that the BOS make EVP a priority and provide adequate funding annually to phase in this technology at all signalized intersections.

The HCAB expressed concern about FRD's ability to absorb contractual increases to maintain and replace critical, life-saving equipment, including cardiac monitors, chest compression system (Lucas Device), Defibrillator Maintenance, and Live Move-Up Module software, or LiveMum, which provides emergency dispatchers with instant, optimal unit relocations, or "move-ups," reflecting the department's coverage policies. The HCAB recommended that the BOS provide funding to support FRD's capital replacement and infrastructure costs.

The HCAB adopted its FY 2019 budget recommendations in a 9-0 vote. The HCAB will send its recommendations in a memo to the BOS and will provide testimony at the April 5 public hearing. The HCAB will not be able to participate in the Human Services Council's community forum meetings on the FY 2019 Advertised Budget. A written statement will be provided to the HSC in advance of its testimony before the BOS.

Other Business

Ann Zuvekas moved that the HCAB not meet in April. Dr. Trahos, DO seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The next HCAB meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.