Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Committee
October 7, 2025, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 11

Meeting Summary

Board Members Present

Jeffrey McKay (Chairman); Dalia Palchik (Committee Chairman, Providence District); Walter Alcorn (Hunter Mill District); Patrick Herrity (Springfield District); Andres Jimenez (Mason District); Rodney Lusk (Franconia District); Kathy Smith (Vice Chairman, Sully District); Daniel Storck (Mount Vernon).

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Supervisor Palchik called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and opened the meeting with a review of the meeting agenda and June meeting summary. She announced that the new early childhood strategic plan, *Strong Foundations, Bright Futures: A Strategy for Early Childhood in Fairfax County,* has been released and praised the staff involved for such a robust plan.

Supervisor Palchik then introduced Deputy County Executive Chris Leonard to provide updates on the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT)'s strategic initiatives and implementation of the Beyond the Bell pilot.

Item 1. Middle School After School (MSAS) Budget Guidance Update

A presentation on the Middle School After School (MSAS) Budget Guidance Update was provided by Lloyd Tucker, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services; Chad Pressey, Deputy Director, Neighborhood and Community Services; and Dr. Mark Emery, MSAS Program Administrator, FCPS. The presentation included a program overview, attendance data, and fee model options and considerations. The presentation concluded with staff recommendations for a $300 annual fee to be implemented and that the County's contribution be reduced by $1.1 million to reflect the estimated revenue that the annual fee would generate.

Board members shared concerns about the operating costs and encouraged FCPS to explore additional cost savings and efficiencies. In addition, concerns were raised about the variability between middle schools in the quantity of days that the program is offered as well as attendance rates. Board members asked FCPS to further analyze the program and attendance data by school and develop strategies to address the inconsistencies that exist at certain middle schools.

Item 2. Employees' Child Care Center (ECCC) Family Engagement Update

The second item was a presentation on the Employees' Child Care Center (ECCC) Family Engagement Update, which was provided by Lloyd Tucker, Director, NCS, and Keisha Dotson, Deputy Director, NCS. The family engagement process, a summary of ideas for cost savings and revenue enhancements received during engagement, and the impact of those proposed ideas. The presentation concluded with the staff recommendation to move forward with contracting out ECCC operations while continuing to engage with families to ensure a seamless transition.

Board members expressed concerns about the family engagement process and the staff recommendation. The Board directed NCS staff not to pursue contracting out the ECCC at this time but to instead do additional analysis on cost savings and revenue enhancements that would reduce the General Fund subsidy. Additionally, the Board directed NCS to implement the identified operational efficiencies as soon as possible.

Adjournment

The committee meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.