

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2015

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MARK JINKS, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE TO ACCOMPLISH CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD COMPOSITION

ISSUE: Council consideration of an ordinance to amend and reordain Section 12-2-1(Establishment; Composition; Appointment; Term of Office; Removal) of Chapter 2 (Alexandria Community Services Board), Title 12 (Education, Social Services and Welfare) of the City Code.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council pass the ordinance on the first reading on Tuesday, December 8, and set it for a public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, December 12.

DISCUSSION: The Community Services Board voted to change the composition of the Board to increase its efficiency, accountability and productivity. The proposed changes include:

- (1) Reducing the membership from 16 to 12;
- (2) Eliminating the requirement for a member to be a licensed physician; and
- (3) Increasing from one third to one half the appointments to the Board identified as consumers or family members of consumers.

The smaller size of the board will lead to more committed engagement of members and will increase the accountability of members. Elimination of the physician seat is proposed due to the difficulty of keeping the seat filled. The increase in consumer and family members on the Board will provide a stronger voice from those who need and benefit from the services of the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT: There would be no fiscal impact associated with this ordinance change.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 1: Proposed Ordinance

STAFF:

Kate Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services
Suzanne Chis, Deputy Director, DCHS & Executive Director, Alexandria Community Services Board
George McAndrews, City Attorney