

Meeting Governing Body

Meeting Date: July 19, 2011

SUBJECT: The Manassas-Manassas Park Disability Services Board

ISSUE: The Dissolution of the Manassas-Manassas Park Disability Services Board

BACKGROUND

On January 6, 1997, the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park signed a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating a Disability Services Board which from that point would be referred to as the Disability Services Board (DSB). The DSB was to exist under and be the subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and be deemed to constitute the Agreement required by section 15.1-21, Code of Virginia, as amended, for the Joint Exercise of Powers of participating local government.

The Virginia Acts of Assembly – 2011 Session amended Title 51.5 of the Code of Virginia eliminating Chapter 10 of this title which mandated DSB. The legislation does allow for the convening of local Interagency Service Teams in its place.

DISCUSSION:

The Manassas-Manassas Park DSB voted unanimously on May 12, 2011 to dissolve because the DSB purpose under Title 51.5 and the duties defined within Chapter 10 are being performed by other entities in the Greater Prince William local community. The Prince William Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is a designated Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) under Virginia Code 2.2-703(A) (6). The ADRC designation occurred in 2009 through Acts of the Assembly, Chapter 339. The ADRC works in partnership with the Independence Empowerment Center-Center for Independent Living (IEC) who serves all ages of the disabled population.

Due to the decline in community resources, it was increasingly difficult for the DSB to offer services to the community, especially, as it appeared the same services could be offered by other entities within the community. After careful deliberations, it was determined that the citizens from both Cities would not lose any benefits and/or services if the DSB was dissolved and did not create a Interagency Service Team.

ALTERNATIVES:

AAA and IEC will provide the services to citizens of Manassas Park

RECOMENDATIONS:

Request that the City of Manassas Park Governing Body approve the Dissolution of the Manassas-Manassas Park Disability Services Board

