

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy
Conference Room 9/10
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

MEETING SUMMARY

CCFAC Members Present: Michele Menapace (Chair), Marlene Blum (Vice-Chair), Pamela Barrett, Thomas Bash, Karla Bruce, Fazia Deen, Holly Dougherty, Jim Edwards-Hewitt, Mike Finkle, Mary Ann Floto, Michelle (Cookie) Hymer-Blitz, Richard (Dick) Kennedy, Clayton Medford, Hamid Munir, Jane Plum, and Valerie Sutter.

Inter-Agency Staff Present: Michelle Brizzi (DPMM), Tisha Deeghan (DCEX), Jenny Hsu (HCD), Dawn Hyman (NCS), Steve Knippler (HCD), Laura Lazo (HCD), Cathy Muse (DPMM), Lee Ann Pender (DPMM), Katie Strotman (NCS)

Others Present: Kristi Dooley (Facilitator).

Call to Order

Chairman M. Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

Remarks from the Chairman Michele Menapace.

Chairman M. Menapace welcomed members and thanked CCFAC member Pamela Barrett, whose CCFAC term is expiring, for her service on the committee.

Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) Essential Services Discussion

Chairman M. Menapace provided an update on the CCFP Work Group and notified members to expect the second round of the Work Group's recommendations to be available within a year or so. Prior to the meeting, CCFAC members were encouraged to review the CCFP Work Group Report, which is available online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/sites/housing/files/assets/documents/ccfac/ccfac/ccfp%20whitepaper.pdf>

M. Menapace reported that the CCFAC Work Group would like member feedback on their proposals for the CCFP for the FY 2023-2024 cycle, which include splitting the pool into two parts: One part would be designated for "Essential Services" for applications related to survival services (e.g., food and shelter). The other part would be designated for "General Services" for applications related to services that support human "thriving". A Power Point titled "CCFP Process Improvement" was provided to assist discussion. Additional Work Group proposals also included shifting the nonprofit

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contract terms from 2 years to 3 years, and dividing the funding, with approximately 60% for general services and 40% for essential services. A staff team is in place to review services that have become integral to the operation of the larger system.

Shifting the CDBG affordable housing capital funds from the CCFP into the annual Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Affordable Housing Request for Proposals was approved earlier by the County Executive.

K. Dooley helped lead the group discussion on the pros and cons of the Work Group's proposed definition of "Essential Services". For pros, CCFAC members found the definition to be compatible with One Fairfax and appreciated the inclusion of shelter as an essential service. Some members believed that the two-prong CCFP concepts would allow the SAC to make more reasonable comparisons between different applications. For cons, some members suggested that the definition should also include the concepts of healthcare; physical safety (particularly for the elderly, young children and immigrants); education; and recreation centers for children. Members discussed why this was being done and the inherent difficulties in defining "Essential Services", since the definition can be relative to each person's own beliefs, perspectives, work experience, and personal needs. Additionally, the proposed definition of "General Services" will need to be provided in order to put the "Essential Services" definition into context for members.

Approval of May 21, 2019 Meeting Summary

With one technical amendment that added Hamid Munir to the list of CCFAC members present, the summary of the May 21, 2019 meeting was approved unanimously.

Review of the CCFP RFP Timeline

L. Lazo reminded the CCFAC to pay close attention to the room number of each future meeting on the draft CCFAC Meeting Schedule for FY 2020, since some rooms are different from the usual. The room number will also be noted in her email notifications sent to members a week prior to each meeting. Additionally, she noted a typo in the December 10, 2019 meeting description, where the title is "FY 2020" when it should be "FY 2021".

M. Brizzi updated members on the CCFP RFP timeline. The RFP has been completed by the Department of Procurement and Material Management (DPMM) and is scheduled to be published in a couple of weeks. The application deadline will be in early December and members will receive copies of the RFP at the November meeting.

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Review of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

S. Knippler provided highlights of the FY 2019 CAPER to members. The CAPER is a performance and evaluation report covering the accomplishments of the following federally-funded community development programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA). The CAPER essentially provides the year-end details of all the accomplishments resulting from the hard work of the CCFAC throughout the previous year. The draft FY 2019 CAPER is available online at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/available-public-comment-consolidated-annual-performance-and-evaluation-report-fy-2019>.

The CAPER is available for public comment from August 30 through September 16. Members who would like to provide public comment should contact S. Knippler at: Stephen.Knippler@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Review and Approve November Housing and Community Development Public Needs Hearing Advertisement

The draft November 12, 2019 CCFAC Public Needs Hearing advertisement was approved unanimously. The notice is available online at: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/events/2019/nov19_ccfac_public_hearing

Working Advisory Group (WAG) Meeting Appointments

M. Menapace asked who is interested in serving on the WAG. The WAG is comprised of three members from the FCRHA Housing Advisory Group and three members from the CCFAC, and will be led by R. Kennedy. M. Menapace appointed Mike Finkle, Cookie Hymer-Blitz and herself to the WAG.

Information from Appointing Organizations

J. Edwards-Hewitt, representing the Community Action Advisory Board, shared with the group that Food for Others, a nonprofit providing food storage, refrigeration, and distribution services, recently reported serving less people than originally projected. The organization's anecdotal concerns are that people are less inclined to seek food assistance due to the Administration's upcoming new rule regarding immigrants who are deemed a "public charge". The nonprofit will work to record more systematic data on these concerns. M. Menapace requested that if any members hear similar stories in their network to please share them with her.

M. Finkle, representing Homelessness Interests, provided an update on the Bailey Shelter, which is set to complete construction within the next few months. This shelter implements a model that is new to the county, providing 52 emergency shelter beds and 18 units of permanent supportive housing (PSH). Since those in need of shelter beds

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and those that need PSH often require similar supportive services, this new model expands the reach of supportive services while consolidating those services.

R. Kennedy, representing the Fairfax County Redevelopment Housing Authority, reminded members about e-ffordable, the FCRHA e-mail newsletter that provides local affordable housing news. Members should contact staff to be added to the e-mail distribution list, as well as visit e-ffordable online: <https://www.e-ffordable.org/>

Chair M. Menapace adjourned the meeting at 9:32 pm.

Next CCFAC Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9/10

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