

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2007

Kevin H. Bell, Chairman	Present	Michael Kwon	Excused
Colonel Marion Barnwell	Excused	Herk Latimer	Present
Richard P. Berger	Present	Molly C. Lynch	Excused
Robert L. Faherty	Excused	Laura I. McDowall	Present
Donna J. Fleming	Present	Stephanie Mensh	Present
Baba Freeman	Present	John Niemiec	Present
Robert Gaudian	Present	Dr. Virginia P. Norton	Excused
Richard Gonzalez	Present	J. Jay Volkert	Present
Tom Grodek	Present	Marnie Wightman	Excused
Bill Kogler	Present	Henry Wulf	Present

Staff:	
Verdia L. Haywood, Deputy County Executive	Present
Ken Disselkoen, Department of Systems Management for Human Services	Present
Chip Gertzog, Department of Systems Management for Human Services	Present
Ken Garnes, Department of Administration for Human Services	Present
Ron McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services	Present
Deborah H. Gutierrez, Department of Systems Management for Human Services	Present

Guests: Sue Holzer and Carmen Belmonte; Chief Judge Teena Grodner and Jim Dedes, Philip Rosenthal, Marcus Simon, Vera Steiner Blore and Mary Ann Lecos, Rosemary Roussil, Mary Ann Beall and Lynne Crammer, Tina Bluhm, Glenn Kamber and Steve Knippler.

Other Attendees: Marijke Hannam, Arsenio de Guzman, Jerry Kieffer, Barbara Antley, Dana Paige, Ginny McKernan, Jim Thur, John DeFee, Mary Kudless, Will Williams, Allan Phillips, Alan Wooten, Juani Diaz, Kathy Froyd, Judith Rosen, John Ruthinoski, Kevin Filbey, Joel Friedman, and Evan Jones.

Call to order: 7:30 - 7:40PM

Henry Wulf called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

FY 2008 Budget Review – Human Services Council Budget Testimony

SACC Parent Advisory Group

Highlights – reference handout

Questions

1. Herk Latimer - How many are at Key? Response: 30 now and 20 on the wait list. The County Executive has included funding for one additional SACC room at the Key Center and three additional positions, who will serve 12 special needs children. The net cost is \$50,000.
2. Robert Gaudian – Does \$50,000 gets you additional staff only at Key? Response: Yes, special needs children require larger staff to child ratio.
3. John Niemiec – Is this just for Key now or is this amount including other facilities? Response: Only Key
4. Laura McDowall – What is overall waitlist? Response: 3,000 for all facilities.
5. Kevin Bell – Can we get a document of waitlist at all SACC facilities? Yes, one will be provided for council records.

JDRDC

Highlights – reference handout – JDRDC is only court that has a unique statutory purposes provision – A) diversion and B) protecting community from harmful acts.

Need more MH service provision support both for inpatient and outpatient.

Victim services unit serves 500-600 victims and has only 1 staff; would like to offer victim – offender conferencing. It is a nationally accepted program; however; currently no staff to provide this program.

Under the Dedicated aftercare program for residential services the primary need is for job skills training – see handout.

Questions

1. Henry Wulf – Point of clarification, is the \$22,000 for diversion; and the \$183,000 is for only Residential Services Aftercare? Response: \$22,000 is for Monitored Diversion Programming and the \$183,000 is for 3 additional Probation Officer II positions related to provide the Residential Services Aftercare program.
2. Kevin Bell – Chief Judge Grodner, which one do you really want? Response: Aftercare and employment & job skills training.
3. Kevin Bell – And of these two? Response: My personal answer is job skills training.
4. Kevin Bell – Is it your professional opinion that with job skills training they are more likely to not return to courtroom? Response: I would hope so.
5. Kevin Bell – Is there any funding from Richmond? Response: Nothing new.
6. Kevin Bell – Is there a shortfall with Inpatient Mental Health Treatment? Is \$1M the baseline? Response: \$2M; some monies are generated from Medicaid and \$450,000 the HSC helped to provide.
7. Richard Gonzalez – What is the number of children associated with this amount being requested? Response: 75 kids. For how long have these 75 kids been

- waiting? Response: For job skills training we would like to serve them, currently no program is in existence. There are really 200 kids needing skills. Do you have a growth rate in juvenile crime rate? Response: Not really, we are keeping them under supervision longer.
8. Kevin Bell - Please give additional information on this issue.
 9. John Niemiec – How does Fairfax County compare to other jurisdictions in the COG region? Response: Alexandria and Arlington, we are looking to them, but Alexandria has a much smaller case load.
 10. Henry Wulf – Please get additional Questions to Chip Gertzog to pass long to JDRDC, if any council members have additional questions for the JDRDC.

CAAB

Highlights – see handout – waitlist has grown tremendously in last months.

Questions

1. Henry Wulf – With regards to childcare assistance, is the state not providing \$13M? Response: Yes and there is still a waitlist; Dana Paige explained the \$6M shortfall and council requested receiving additional data to explain.
2. Council Member – Is the \$6M for the 1700 children? Response: no, trying to keep those children from not being served. We received \$3.4M from the Governor’s funding. Potential of 2, 000 children slots being lost without state funding.
3. Council Member – How long is the waiting list? What is the number of children currently on it? Response: mobile population, but when they are on a waiting list they tend not to move. How long are they on waiting list? Response: we have been using attrition and then closed the waiting list until the Governor’s money came. The waiting list just came last fall and we are adding 204 families every month.
4. Richard Berger - Is there a chance of displacing children in FY08? Response: The waiting list will grow and only be able to serve 2,000.
5. Laura McDowall - What does this do to welfare to work? Response: Some will most likely go back on welfare.
6. Henry Wulf – HSC will need to get additional information from Dana and on waitlist.

Advisory Social Services Board

Highlights – childcare subsidies – assistance to go to work

HSC should take into account the unseen costs and hidden costs of workers to employers & Childcare provider; there is an impact.

Workers need skills for productive employment.

Acknowledge the needs of Childcare services and reduce impact of 2% reduction in personnel.

Questions

1. Baba Freeman – What are the caseload standards? What makes up the caseload? Response: There currently are not an agreed upon set of standards. The county has 151 case carrying employees; the increase in caseload has nearly doubled.

There is a caseload study being conducted at the state level and a set of standards are supposed to come out of it.

2. Tom Grodek – What is the price tag? For the Youth employment center?
Response: now working on the budget to Connelly in a board item requested by the Chairman in a January 3rd Board meeting. Requesting the number of staff needed & the amount of money needed. It is projected that we will have an answer to the board item issue by end of this week
3. Henry Wulf - need additional information once made public.

Fairfax Futures

Highlights – see handout

Questions

1. no questions

Metropolitan Washington Ear

Highlights – see handouts

Questions

1. Laura McDowall - Does your website explain your operating budget? Response: No, we receive approximately \$160,000 from localities. We used to receive \$30,000 from Fairfax County, now only \$10,000. Funding of \$2,500 from Fairfax County is needed to continue programs.

CSB (1) Mary Ann Beall

Highlights - see handout

CSB (2) Lynne Crammer

Highlights - see handout

Questions

1. Henry Wulf – What are you asking HSC to recommend to BOS? Do you have specific programs, amounts of money and recommendations? Response: Housing needs; we no longer receive set asides with the Housing Authority. Henry Wulf – We need more specifics.
2. Laura McDowall – What is the CSB position for preparing the community for these centers? Response: Verdia Haywood said that we are negotiating a joint venture with INOVA Health Systems, Dewberry & Davis, & Fairfax County with a proposal to use INOVA property (on INOVA campus) near current Woodburn Center.
3. Baba Freeman – For example, Reston South parking – this example demonstrates that there is no community input in the negotiation of a public-private partnership. This process did not allow for any community comment / sharing. There was no community discussion until presentation from developer. Response: Verdia Haywood explained the PPA process and highlighted that community input is only advertised on unsolicited proposals.

4. Henry Wulf – Let’s take this question / comment offline. At the end of the period of testimony the HSC came back to the question. Baba Freeman stated that Verdia Haywood had answered it.

Commission on Aging

Highlights see handout

Questions

1. Laura McDowall – I appreciate keeping senior needs before the mind of the BOS; however, I personally feel the Fairfax County seniors for the most part are currently self-sufficient and not a drain on county resources. Am I wrong? You are citing a rapid increase of the older population and I acknowledge that; however, it sounds like you are stating a need for proportionate (to increase in an aging population) funding for senior needs. Can you provide an example? Response: Meals on Wheels; many seniors will need and not have the six types of basic care. There will be a need for more dollars to pay for meals and the administration of meals. Laura McDowall offered the example of Green Springs residents, who are paying their own way and therefore not all seniors will need county funds to assist them in obtaining the services they require.
2. Richard Gonzalez – shared a different opinion and cited the example of the Lincolnia waiting list of 205. This number equates to a ten year wait list. There is a low income aging population and it appears to be growing. We need to get the numbers on this population of seniors.
3. Henry Wulf – As a point of clarification, you are not asking for any specific funds this year? Response: No

CCFAC

Highlights – see handout – This is a “courtesy call” and the CCFAC would like to work with the HSC in their outcomes development initiative. We would like to work with you in a coordinated services planning approach on initiatives having budgets that span over multiple years.

Questions

1. no questions

FY2008 HSC Budget Process

Henry Wulf and Tom Grodek – Announced written submission of CFS letter was in the handouts provided council members.

Other Business

Meeting minutes from the HSC meeting held on February 26 were handed out for review. A motion was made and seconded to accept the meeting minutes. The council so approved.

9:30 PM: Adjournment