

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2008
Government Center, Conference Room 2 & 3

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chairman	<i>Excused</i>	Carol Hawn	<i>Excused</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Bill Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Richard P. Berger	<i>Present</i>	Michael Kwon	<i>Excused</i>
John Byers	<i>Present</i>	Herk Latimer	<i>Present</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Excused</i>	Laura I. McDowall	<i>Present</i>
Donna J. Fleming	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Present</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Present</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Present</i>	John Niemiec	<i>Present</i>
Richard Gonzalez	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Virginia P. Norton	<i>Excused</i>
Tom Grodek	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>

Staff:	
Verdia L. Haywood, Deputy County Executive	<i>Present</i>
Ken Disselkoen, Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS)	<i>Present</i>
Chip Gertzog, Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS)	<i>Present</i>
Ken Garnes, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)	<i>Present</i>
Ron McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)	<i>Present</i>
Marie Custode, Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS)	<i>Present</i>

Other Attendees: From DAHS: Gail Ledford; From DSMHS: Telly Whitfield, Jennifer Henry; From Office of Public Private Partnerships: Karen Fuentes.

Call to order: 7:35 PM

Vice Chair Donna Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and requested that the Council address "Other Business" items at the opening of the meeting. It was noted that the presentation by Verdia Haywood regarding the initiative to catalyze corporate and community social investment would be postponed until further notice.

Other Business: 7:35 – 7:40

Vice Chair Donna Fleming called for a motion approving the minutes of the October 6, 2008 Council meeting. Approval of the minutes was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

Chip Gertzog reported that the Board of Supervisors requested that the HSC get input from Boards, Authorities and Commissions, as well as community nonprofit organizations on the impact of the reductions outlined in the LOBS review. To accommodate this additional input, four additional meeting dates were added to the Council's schedule as indicated on the "Final Plan for Human Services Council Review of Lines of Business Budget Reduction Exercise" dated October 20, 2008 (4th Revision).

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2008
Government Center, Conference Room 2 & 3

Department of Systems Management for Human Services Lines of Business Presentation
7:40 – 8:45 PM

Director Ken Disselkoen presented “FY2010 LOBS Presentation” dated October 6, 2008.

Question and Answer

Baba Freeman: The FY08 LOBS document forecasted a reduction in incoming phone calls for the current period. However, you indicated that calls are rising.

Response: There have been several spikes in calls over the years, and this is one of those times due to the current economic situation.

Laura McDowell: Do you know how many telephone calls you actually receive, or only those that get through?

Response: We have telephone technology that enables us to track incoming call volume, hang ups and outgoing calls as well.

Baba Freeman: In regards to reduction number 6, is there only one survey position? Why is this considered an elimination of a service?

Response: Although others in the RAPS division have survey knowledge and experience, there is only one position that has advanced statistical expertise that enables us to perform complex survey analysis.

Donna Fleming: Are the proposed position cuts for filled or vacant positions?

Response: A few of the positions are vacant, but most of them are currently occupied positions.

Stephanie Mensh: If we cut RAPS will we lose state or federal funding?

Response: Not directly, but there could be a ripple effect on other agencies that rely on our services.

Bob Gaudian: Can faith-based organizations step in to perform some of this work?

Response: Faith-based organizations make valuable contributions to much of the work done in the regions, but RAPS work could not be performed by those organizations.

Laura McDowell: Can you demonstrate the value of the services you provide? How do you measure success?

Response: Outcome measures have been difficult to record; however slide 17 references the cost savings to the county versus using contracted consultants.

Henry Wulf: What percentage of the total human services cuts are reductions from DSMHS?

Response: A very small percentage. Ron McDevitt will respond with the exact figure.

Department of Administration for Human Services Lines of Business Presentation
8:45-9:20 PM

Director Ken Garnes presented “FY 2010 LOBS Presentation to the Human Services Council” dated October 20, 2008.

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2008
Government Center, Conference Room 2 & 3

Question and Answer

John Byers: What is the difference between procurement and contract management?

Response: We are currently looking at ways to streamline. One of the things that we are doing is to integrate accounts payable into Ron's financial management unit.

Robert Gaudian: You are looking to add a grants management function?

Response: This would be a change in function. We have the expertise to manage grants and want to do this in a coordinated fashion, bring in more revenue, and not take away program staff time.

Laura McDowall: Potential for lawsuits

Stephanie Mensh: Does this have any impact on AAA bond rating?

Response: Reductions could adversely affect the bond rating if there was a ripple effect, however they would definitely affect access to grant money.

Kathleen Murphy: Is there some way to not have to take the full 15% reduction?

Response: We will know the answer in early 2009 after having had LOBS presentations, public input, BAC and HSC input.

Baba Freeman: Residents want to protect human services, schools, and public safety, but who decides what portion comes from human services?

Response: The BOS will give a sense of that in the guidance that they provide the County Executive for his budget preparation in early January. Human services is the only area that has centralized the cross-cutting functions, and the BOS is taking a look at this concept for other county areas.

Other Business: 9:20 – 9:25

Verdia Haywood distributed a memorandum from the County Executive dated October 17, 2008 with a subject line of "Actions Necessary to Address FY 2009 Budget Shortfall". He informed the Council that the Human Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors will be meeting at 10:00 AM in Government Center Conference Rooms 9/10 on Monday, October 27, 2008 to cover the following items: the redesign of domestic violence services, the initiative to catalyze county corporate and community social investment, and the Beeman Commission report. There will be a brief report out during the HSC Meeting that same evening.

9:25 PM: Adjournment

Staff Support Information (also included on updated roster):

1. Chip Gertzog: 703-324-7959 Fax 703-324-7572 E-mail: Cgertz@fairfaxcounty.gov
2. Judy Greene: 703-324-5640 Fax 703-324-7572 E-mail: Jgreen@fairfaxcounty.gov
3. Marie Custode: 703-324-4540 Fax 703-324-7572 Email: Kcusto@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Michelle Gregory: 703-324-7136 Fax 703-324-7572 Email: Mgrego@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Deborah Gutierrez: 703-324-7132 Fax 703-324-7572 E-mail: Dgutie@fairfaxcounty.gov