

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2008
Government Center, Conference Room 4 & 5

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chairman	<i>Present</i>	Carol Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Excused</i>	Bill Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Richard P. Berger	<i>Excused</i>	Michael Kwon	<i>Excused</i>
John Byers	<i>Excused</i>	Herk Latimer	<i>Present</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Present</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>Excused</i>
Richard Gonzalez	<i>Excused</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>

Guests: Nanette Bowler, Director of the Department of Family Services (DFS)

Other Attendees: From DFS: Carol Frecker, Kathleen Kelmelis, Jim Gillespie, Belinda Buescher, Kevin Filbey, Anne-Marie Twohie, Liz Henry, Matt Barkley, Grace Starbird, Juani Diaz, Kathy Froyd, Barbara Antley; Anita F. Kapper (Commission on Aging), Karen Fuentes (Office of Public Private Partnerships), Marijke Hannam (DAHS), Patti Stevens (DSMHS)

Call to order: 7:40 PM

Kevin Bell called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. He presented and welcomed a new Council member, Kathleen Murphy representing the Dranesville District. He also welcomed aboard the new Director of the Department of Family Services, Nannette M. Bowler.

Department of Family Services Lines of Business Presentation: 7:40-9:40 PM

Nannette Bowler provided the following documents during her review of the DFS LOBS: "FY 2010 Lines of Business (LOB) Presentation" dated October 6, 2008, DFS Organization Chart, Reduction spreadsheet "FY 2010 Lines of Business (LOBs) Reduction Options". She noted that the savings indicated on Reduction 16 (slide 41) could not be realized to the extent indicated, as the Health Department made a change to their reduction priorities. Originally they were planning to propose closing all Adult Day Health Care centers, but ultimately decided to propose closing only one center as a part of their LOBs reduction package.

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Question and Answer

Tom Grodek: Slide 50 – What percent of job seekers will be impacted by reduction 47 (slide 50)?

Response: The impact will be largely felt by day laborers at the affected sites, however there has already been substantial improvement in those areas. It was a public safety issue, however the communication between nonprofits and job seekers has had a positive impact on behaviors.

Carol Hawn: Is there a chance that schools will also make reductions in the Head Start program (slide 58)?

Response: Yes, and state reductions may also have an impact.

Stephanie Mensh: For the reductions that include positions, are there people currently holding those positions? Would the positions be permanently eliminated or could they just be held and not filled? What is the impact of the Fastran cuts (slide 42)?

Response: The positions are permanent eliminations. Many positions are already being held vacant due to the personnel services reductions. However, many are currently occupied, especially the SACC positions. Fastran reductions will mean that seniors may not get rides for doctor appointments or grocery trips. Each vehicle is used for multiple trips and the reduction impacts how many vehicles are available.

Kevin Bell: Is there a liability concern for reducing funding for Initiatives and Programs for Women and Girls (slide 30)? What will be the deciding factors to determine which centers will take the SACC cuts (slide 62). It should be done strategically in consideration of gang prevention.

Response: There are staff that speak several languages and on the VAN hotline as well. When needed, they will continue to use the language line. In regards to security there will be no one to monitor the cameras on the front door at night, however there is a pass system and police officers periodically pass by. For the SACC reductions, staff will examine a variety of factors to determine what locations will be affected. The Board of Supervisors also requested that the fee schedule be evaluated.

Henry Wulf: We've talked about leveraging money - is there anyway we can quantify that impact?

Response: The net reductions include revenues and expenses. The existing leverage (not the potential) is represented in the dollar figures. The CCFAC clearly tracks leveraged dollars, but is incomplete because many nonprofits do not have contracts thru CCFAC.

Donna Fleming pointed out that nonprofits will also be affected by the reductions and that the potential impacts need to be clear to the Board of Supervisors. Laura McDowall added that the economic situation is also likely to increase the demand for services. Kevin requested that the impacted nonprofit partners be identified to determine what percentage of their budget the reduction represents and the impact upon their organization. Verdina Haywood agreed that there needs to be a systemic look at the effects upon nonprofits, as well as a systemic look at the impacts on particular populations, such as the elderly.

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Other Business: 9:40 – 9:45 PM

The meeting minutes from September 22, 2008 were moved and approved.

The Council was reminded that two additional Lines of Business meetings are scheduled for the month of October – October 20th and October 27th. Packages of presentation materials will be provided to the Council as they become available after the Board of Supervisors presentations.

During the Board of Supervisors presentations, the value of hearing the reactions to the reduction priorities from the Boards, Authorities and Commissions (BACs) was articulated. A request for written input from the BACs was proposed with specific questions for the BACs to respond to. Input from the nonprofits in the community would also be valuable. A letter to the BACs will be drafted and sent to Kevin Bell and Donna Fleming to review.

9:45 PM: Adjournment

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