

**Human Services Council Meeting**  
**Monday, December 10, 2008**  
**Government Center Conference Rooms 2 & 3**

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chairman	<i>Present</i>	Carol Hawn	<i>Present</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>Present</i>	Laura I. McDowall	<i>Present</i>
Donna J. Fleming	<i>Excused</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Excused</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Excused</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>
<b>Staff:</b>			
Verdia L. Haywood, Deputy County Executive			<i>Excused</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 and Other Attendees:** Nannette M. Bowler, Grace Starbird, Lathan Dennis, Kevin Filbey, Barbara Antley, Karen Fuente, Bob Eiffert, Sarah Silresh, Beverly Moses, Matt Barkley, Tom Choman, Pam Barrett, John Ruthinoski, Terry Goplerud, Jessica Burmester, April Pinch-Keeler.

**Call to order: 7:35 PM**

Kevin Bell called the meeting to order and informed the Council that Deputy County Executive Verdia Haywood would not be in attendance due to an event of the First Lady of Virginia in Richmond.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from December 8<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**Testimony from Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Nonprofits - 7:40 – 9:30**

It was requested that any additional questions on any of the presentations be submitted in writing to Chip Gertzog.

**Fairfax Area Disability Services Board**

Ann Pimley, Chair of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board, presented their position on the proposed reductions entitled “Fairfax County FY 2010 Proposed Budget Reductions”.

**Fairfax Area Commission on Aging**

Tena Bluhm, Chair of the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging, presented their position on the proposed reductions in the following documents: testimony entitled “Presentation to the Human Services Council”, a letter from the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging dated December 10, 2008, and a spreadsheet entitled “Proposed Budget FY10 Cuts Impacting Older Adults in Fairfax County”.

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**Question and Answer**

Laura McDowall: If someone cannot afford to purchase home-based services, does that result in premature placement in nursing facilities? Do you have sufficient facilities? What is the difference in cost for home-based versus nursing facilities?

Robert Gaudian: Of the 150 individuals who would lose services, how many are home owners and how many are renting? Response will be submitted in writing.

Carol Hawn: For the General Relief Program – is this a one-time funding?

John Byers: For the General Relief Program – has the match from the state been impacted as well?

Responses: For all questions above, the responses will be submitted to the Council in writing.

**Commission for Women**

Diane Hoyer, Chair of the Fairfax County Commission for Women, presented their position on the proposed reductions in a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Implications of Budget Reductions”. A calendar “Living Healthy 2008” and a brochure on the Commission for Women were also distributed.

**Northern Virginia Family Services**

Mary Agee, President and CEO of Northern Virginia Family Services, presented the position of the nonprofit organization entitled “Fairfax County Human Service Council: December 10, 2008”. She made a specific request in regards to the budget reduction process which was that if nonprofits must sustain a cut, that staff involve the nonprofits to identify where those reductions should take place.

**Reston Interfaith**

Kerrie Wilson, Executive Director of Reston Interfaith, presented the position of the organization on the proposed reductions entitled “Human Services Council: Hearing on Fairfax County FY10 Lines of Business”. She reiterated the request for participation in the identification of where budget reductions should take place.

**Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC)**

Karen Brown, Chair of the Fairfax Long Term Care Coordinating Council, accompanied by Nancy Mercer, Chair of LTCCC’s Government Affairs Committee, presented their position on the proposed reductions entitled “Testimony to the Human Services Council, December 10, 2008”. They supported a tax increase rather than any cuts to services.

**Question and Answer**

Stephanie Mensh: She requested that adults with disabilities be one of the cross-cutting service areas that are highlighted in considering the full impact of all human service agency reductions.

**Communities of Faith United for Housing**

Gerry Williams presented the position of the Communities of Faith United for Housing on the proposed reductions entitled “Communities of Faith United for Housing Statement to the Human Services Council on the Impact of Lines of Business Reduction Options for the FY 2010 Budget”.

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**Alliance for Human Services**

Marlene Blum presented the position of the Alliance for Human Services on the proposed reductions entitled “Statement to the Human Services Council on LOBs Reduction Options”.

**Question and Answer**

Stephanie Mensh: She requested information about how HCD has used training and technical assistance over the past year. It was noted that there are various funding sources.

**Herndon Reston FISH**

Marcia Di Trapani, President of Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc., presented the position of the organization on the proposed reductions entitled “Information for Human Services Council”, as well as an organizational overview page “Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc.”

**PRS, Inc.**

Wendy Gradison, President and CEO of PRS, Inc., presented the position of the organization on the proposed reductions entitled “Presentation to the Human Services Council”, as well as distributed an organizational brochure and packet entitled “PRS Reston Client Impact Statements” and an organizational brochure.

**Shelter House**

Jewell Mikula, Executive Director of Shelter House, Inc., presented their position on the proposed reduction in a testimony letter entitled “Fairfax County Human Services Council: Wednesday, December 10, 2008”.

**Question and Answer**

Robert Gaudian: Do you have any case studies or success stories that could be shared?

Response: There are many posted on the organization’s website.

**Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee**

Frank Blechman, Chair of the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee, presented their position on the proposed reductions entitled “Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee Statement to the Human Services Council on LOBs Reduction Options”.

**Community Council on Homelessness**

Pam Michell presented the position of the Community Council on Homelessness on the proposed reductions entitled “Lines of Business Testimony to the Human Services Council”.

**Fairfax County Advisory Social Services Board**

Marcus Simon, Chairman of the Fairfax County Advisory Social Services Board, presented their position on the proposed reductions entitled “Talking Points for Marcus Simon: Presentation to the Human Services Council on FY 2010 DFS Proposed Lines of Business Reductions” which included a chart on “General Fund Expenditures by Program Area FY 2001-FY 2009” (source was cited as DAHS staff Marijke Hannam).

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**Other Business: 9:30-9:40 PM**

Kevin Bell provided a historical perspective on Fairfax County's development of an efficient and effective Human Services System.

Henry Wulf informed the Council that he and Ron McDevitt have been working on the preparation of the following documents for distribution to the Council in relation to the LOBS Presentations:

- A summary,
- A summary by dept, and
- A summary by overall categories (3 levels of criteria), which includes programs across the agencies.

The documents will be sent out tomorrow as weekend homework. It provides a review of the 167 LOBs and the \$60 million in Human Services cuts. Additional components will be added to the spreadsheet Marcus Simon presented to include other Human Services Agencies. It was noted that numerous speakers recommended raising taxes in their summaries and that the Council could reference this in their statement. It was also noted that Board of Supervisors' staff are also subject to budget reductions. These documents will provide the basis for a discussion on the development of a position statement to the County Executive and the Board of Supervisors during the next meeting on Monday, January 12, 2008.

**9:45 PM: Adjournment**

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