

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, June 16, 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>Excused</i>	Bill Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Richard P. Berger	<i>Present</i>	Michael Kwon	<i>Excused</i>
John Byers	<i>Excused</i>	Herk Latimer	<i>Present</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Excused</i>	Laura I. McDowall	<i>Excused</i>
Donna J. Fleming	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Excused</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Excused</i>	John Niemiec	<i>Present</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Virginia P. Norton	<i>Excused</i>
Richard Gonzalez	<i>Present</i>	J. Jay Volkert	<i>Excused</i>
Tom Grodek	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Excused</i>

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

Other Attendees: Marijke Hannam (Department of Administration for Human Services), Ginny McKernan (Department of Administration for Human Services), Marlys Berna (Department of Administration for Human Services), Karen Fuentes (Office of Partnerships)

Call to order

7:40 - 7:45 PM

Kevin Bell called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM. He congratulated John Niemiec for his recent election as President of the Fairfax County Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics.

Presentation: A Review: Nonprofits Serving our Community

Verdia L. Haywood

7:45 - 8:40 PM

Verdia Haywood distributed and discussed the presentation made to the Human Services Committee to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on June 9, 2008 entitled "A Review: Nonprofits Serving Our Community" and an Appendix listing of nonprofit vendors doing business with Fairfax County Human Services from 7/1/06 – 6/30/07. There has been an increasing concern for the financial health of community nonprofits over the past several years, and we must look beyond the Community Funding Pool. Of particular concern is the lack of a trusted infrastructure to collect and allocate community philanthropic contributions.

Richard Gonzalez: Are outputs to costs measured in the funding pool process?

Response: Yes, data is looked at during a review process and nonprofits must demonstrate that they did what they said they would do.

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John Niemiec: Fire fighters were great contributors to United Way prior to the events that led to loss of credibility. Has United Way been able to regain the public trust?

Response: There is no indication that perceptions have changed. Part of the challenge is that multiple jurisdictions in three different states are covered by the United Way of the National Capital Area.

Robert Gaudian: What portion of the Community Funding Pool is county money and what portion comes from other grants? Is there an effort to find more money, both corporate and individual contributions?

Response: All of the \$10.2 million comes from the county. \$1.5 – 2.0 million are Community Development Block Grant funds, about \$500,000 is from the Community Services Block Grant, and the remaining \$8 million are county general funds. Yes, additional grants are sought, and efforts are made to solicit contributions. Individuals may be giving within corporations, but where the contributions are going, we don't know due to the missing infrastructure. A void was left after the United Way corruption, so we need a mechanism to support more community investment.

Kevin Bell/Robert Gaudian: What are the next steps? What role should the Council play in this effort?

Response: We need to involve/convene a group of stakeholders to determine the process to find the solution for the problem. In September, the BOS would like to have an update on the plan. I would like to see perhaps a small workgroup of 10-15 individuals, including representation from the BOS, General Assembly, chamber, higher education, council, community foundations, and businesses, to start a dialogue which is taken into all sectors. There may be a summit at some point.

Richard Gonzales: When should this group convene?

Response: As soon as possible. Participation was requested from 5-6 council members (one of whom could be available during daytime hours to work with staff). The identified members were Richard Gonzalez., Donna Fleming, Richard Berger (daytime contact), Robert Gaudian & John Niemiec. It was requested that a distribution list be created for the work group.

A motion was made by John Niemiec that the Council write a letter to the BOS to express its support for this effort. The motion was seconded by Donna Fleming.

Presentation: Review of FY 2010 Budget Guidance

Verdia L. Haywood

9:15 - 9:00 PM

Ron McDevitt presented FY 2010 budget information and Lines of Business (LOBS) guidance contained in the "FY 2010 Lines of Business Presentation" to the Senior Management Team dated June 13, 2008, and in a memorandum from the County Executive to the Board of Supervisors dated June 12, 2008. Verdia Haywood elaborated on the process to be used for the LOBS presentations, public input, and workforce input.

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The LOBS process provides the Council the opportunity to give input to the County Executive prior to the presentation of his proposed budget to the BOS in February. It was proposed that a process similar to the March budget meetings be conducted in October and November. The meetings should try to be scheduled for Mondays, and should conclude on the Monday prior to Thanksgiving. The process should allow the Council to submit a memo with recommendations in early December. The memo would be to advise the County Executive and the BOS of the potential impacts upon the community and emphasizing priorities. It was requested that presenters receive sufficient advance notification. Henry Wulf was nominated to design and chair the process.

Carol Hawn: Instead of having regional meetings, could the county come to preexisting meetings of residents?

Response: The recommendation will be brought forward, however it becomes difficult to accommodate all citizen group requests. There will also be blogging opportunities as well to provide input.

Tom Grodek: Please explain how the LOBS process is different from a 15% across the board cut.

Response: This is not a trim of programs across the board, but rather a proposed reduction or elimination of a LOB. In the end, some agencies may end up with different levels of reductions.

Other Business

9:45-9:50 PM

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the previous meeting minutes of April 21, 2008 were moved and approved.

Adjournment

9:50 PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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