

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2009
Government Center, Conference Rooms 4 & 5

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chairman	<i>Excused</i>	Carol Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Bill Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Richard P. Berger	<i>Excused</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>Excused</i>
Donna J. Fleming	<i>Excused</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Excused</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Present</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Excused</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Excused</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>
Michelle Gregory, Department of Systems Management for Human Services			<i>Present</i>

Guests and Other Attendees: Denise Raybon, Bob Bermingham, Laura Yager, Sarah Allen, and Lathan Dennis.

Call to order: 7:35 PM

Henry Wulf called the meeting to order. Verdia Haywood commended staff on the LOBs analysis that supported the HSC in making recommendations to Deputy County Executive, Tony Griffin. Henry Wulf also thanked staff and acknowledged the work that went into developing the final assessment for the *Human Services Council's Impact Ranking of Proposed LOB Reductions*.

Verdia reviewed the vision for Fairfax Cares. Fairfax Cares is an initiative that grew out of the hurricane Katrina fund entitled Fairfax Family Cares. This new initiative is a collaborative project with the non-profit community to create a funding stream that supports basic needs program in Fairfax County. Data from DSMHS, Coordinated Services Planning shows a significant increase in requests for basic needs. The economic challenges and the decline in overall contributions created a shortfall in resources needed to meet the demand. The goal is to reach out to the community including businesses, their employees as well as the faith-based organizations and ask for help. The kickoff date is February 14 and the campaign would run through spring and fall.

Fairfax Cares will be managed by the Northern Virginia Community Foundation (NVCF) and funds will be distributed through the same entity. An advisory committee will be appointed to work with NVCF in managing the fund and members of the advisory committee will make funding decisions.

Youth Risk Survey 7:45

Denise Raybon, Countywide Prevention Coordinator, Bob Bermingham, Gang Prevention Coordinator, and Laura Yager, Director of CSB Prevention Services provided a presentation regarding the 2009 Fairfax County Youth Risk Survey data.

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Question: John Byers – The report indicates that there is common use of over-the-counter and prescription medications. Does this data also include the general use of pain killers such as aspirin or Tylenol? Response: No, this data specifically reports on youth who used over-the-counter drugs with the intent to get high.

Question: John Byers – Do you have any data on those who consider or attempt suicide for attention vs. those who are actually trying to end their own life? Response: We do not have data to support those variations. This data is based on the following two questions: “During the past 12 months, did you ever consider attempting suicide”? “During the past 12 months, did you ever actually attempted suicide”?

Question: Baba Freeman – There has been discussion about a later start time for high school students. Does this report provide any data about the impact of tired youth? How will you account for driving drowsy and things of that nature? Response: There have been discussions in the school system about the amount of sleep students get each night. This survey does not include that type of data, but we are planning to include a related question in the future.

The council particularly expressed concern about the aggression and violence trends. The data revealed an increase in the percentage of youth, outside of school property, who carried a weapon or attacked someone.

The Council asked for clarification on the specific questions that were used to collect the data. The presenters read those specific questions and noted that all survey questions are listed in the full report of the 2008 Fairfax County Youth Survey for additional review <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/demogrph/pdf/youth2008.pdf>.

Denise Raybon explained that the survey questions are designed to be consistent with national survey questions in order to provide a comparison with national averages. Denise also discussed challenges related to the length of the survey, acknowledging that youth should be able to complete the survey in a reasonable amount of time. For these reason, it is important to maintain balance by incorporating necessary additions, yet limiting the exploration of other topics that may not be as critical. This will help to sustain a survey tool that is manageable for the respondent and ultimately promote the broader level of participation.

Other Business: 10:00 – 10:05 PM

Approval of Minutes – December 10 minutes were approved after a correction in the date. December 15 minutes were approved after some revisions on page 4.

9:20 PM: Adjournment

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