

**Human Services Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 16, 2009**  
**Government Center, Conference Rooms 4 & 5**

<b>MEMBER NAME</b>		<b>MEMBER NAME</b>	
<b>Kevin H. Bell, Chairman</b>	<i>Present</i>	<b>Carol Hawn</b>	<i>Excused</i>
<b>Colonel Marion Barnwell</b>	<i>Present</i>	<b>Bill Kogler</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Richard P. Berger</b>	<i>Present</i>	<b>Michael Kwon</b>	<i>Excused</i>
<b>John Byers</b>	<i>Present</i>	<b>Herk Latimer</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Robert L. Faherty</b>	<i>Excused</i>	<b>Laura I. McDowall</b>	<i>Excused</i>
<b>Donna J. Fleming</b>	<i>Excused</i>	<b>Stephanie Mensh</b>	<i>Excused</i>
<b>Baba Freeman</b>	<i>Present</i>	<b>Kathleen Murphy</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Robert Gaudian</b>	<i>Excused</i>	<b>John Niemiec</b>	<i>Excused</i>
<b>Richard Gonzalez</b>	<i>Excused</i>	<b>Dr. Virginia P. Norton</b>	<i>Excused</i>
<b>Tom Grodek</b>	<i>Present</i>	<b>Henry Wulf</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Staff:</b>			
<b>Verdia L. Haywood, Deputy County Executive</b>			<i>Present</i>
<b>Ken Disselkoen, Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS)</b>			<i>Present</i>
<b>Chip Gertzog, Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS)</b>			<i>Present</i>
<b>Ken Garnes, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)</b>			<i>Present</i>
<b>Ron McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)</b>			<i>Present</i>
<b>Deborah H. Gutierrez, Department of Systems Management for Human Services</b>			<i>Present</i>

**Guests and Other Attendees:** Nanette Bowler, JoAnne Jorgeson, Ros Foroobar, Karen Fuentes, Lynne Crammer, George Braunstein, and Pat Franckwitz.

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

Henry Wulf called the meeting to order. Council Members were asked to review the additional budget correspondence received since the previous meeting:

- ♦ Central Fairfax Services, Inc.;
- ♦ Advisory Social Services Board;
- ♦ Chairman Bulova's Request for additional explanation; and
- ♦ DRAFT Human Services Council Letter of Recommendations Regarding Development of the FY2010 Budget to the Board of Supervisors.

**Fairfax – Falls Church Community Services Board: 7:45-8:15**

George Braunstein (with Lynne Crammer) informed the Council of budget reductions to programs proposed for restoration. These programs were highlighted in Lynne Crammer's presentation on March 9th. If all of these programs are taken, it will result in further hardship and will make it difficult to reinstate these programs at a later date. Our list of priority items equals \$1.5M and we are now presenting other items in the budget for reduction instead of the ones spoken in behalf of at the March 9<sup>th</sup> presentation.

In formulating our revisions to the proposed budget reductions, we reviewed funding streams and looked where Federal monies could make up for county monies to maintain programs. We found funds available before July 1 and are exploring access to additional funds for forensic evaluation. We also explored the efficiencies gained by utilizing county employees versus contractors. Also explored were places where Medicaid funds could be paying more versus county funding. Additionally, we reviewed where personnel changes could decrease costs and still maintain coverage of services at same level. We were able to find some positions that are not absolutely necessary and examined especially those positions where vacancies are being created from retirements and these positions will not be filled. There will be a change in staff

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duties to maintain clinical service delivery and no layoffs were created. Ultimately, we are trying to save the services vital to community.

**Question and Answer**

John Byers: Will these revised reductions now cause an unexpected impact in other programs?

Response: There is never a guarantee, but it has been vetted with the service areas where the trade offs may occur. About 95% of the trade offs were recommended by program staff themselves.

Kevin Bell: What is happening with the Housing and Community Development's Line of Business reduction that impacts ending homelessness and affordable housing?

Response: Yes, that is one of the trade offs.

Kevin Bell: the council would like to receive a chart to show the trade offs dollar for dollar.

**Discussion of Message to Board of Supervisors: 8:15**

The council members discussed revisions to the draft recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Ron McDevitt captured specific edits to the letter going to the Board of Supervisors.

Kevin Bell: The first bullet in the first paragraph needs to be beefed up.

Verdia Haywood: Provide examples from the 10 year Plan to End Homelessness.

Baba Freeman: There should be mention about county staff working on the foreclosure issue. I know Prince William County is already doing things, do we have specific programs?

Response: We do and the non-profits do as well.

Baba Freeman: There should be a comment regarding tax rate increase.

Response: That will be addressed later in our discussion.

Kathleen Murphy: There needs to be more mentioned with regards to the "dismal landscape".

Colonel Marion Barnweel: There should be mention that while food bank food donations have not decreased, demand for food has increased.

John Byers: With regards to the "challenges" section, all of the proposed reductions are "unacceptable" so this section needs revision and the word "acceptable" be deleted.

Verdia Haywood: Comments regarding the general impact on disabilities with regards to transportation need to be added. There needs to be some good examples inserted for the bullet points around the significant risks to populations in our community.

Kevin Bell: In the "Areas of Particular Concern" section, add a bullet referencing the Penny for Affordable Housing.

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Verdia Haywood: In general there needs to be more rewording for emphasis and more references to impacts on children and families with regard to issues they are dealing with and how they relate to the impacts of budget reductions.

Verdia Haywood and Ron McDevitt will work together in rewording the “Human Services: An Enterprise Experienced in Innovation and Redesign” section to ensure it doesn’t sound like bragging, but still accurately represents the dedication to improving efficiencies and effectiveness of the human services system over the past years.

Additional comments from the council members will be accepted by Ron McDevitt via email no later than the morning of Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Ron will incorporate any additional edits and send out the “final” letter for one final review. Responses are to be made by 12 noon on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> to ensure delivery of the letter to the Board of Supervisors on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm in Conference Rooms 9 & 10, Kevin Bell will be presenting the Human Services Council’s recommendations to the Board. All council members are welcome to attend.

**Other Business: 10:00 PM**

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve and accept the March 9 and 11, 2009 meeting minutes.

Henry Wulf publically thanked Ron McDevitt for his hard work with regards to pulling all of the Human Services Council budget recommendations together.

**Adjournment: 10:10 PM**

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