

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, May 17, 2010
Government Center, Conference Rooms 4 & 5

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chairman	<i>Excused</i>	Tom Grodek	<i>Present</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Carol Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Richard P. Berger	<i>Excused</i>	Bill Kogler	<i>Excused</i>
Wendy Breseman	<i>Present</i>	Herk Latimer	<i>Present</i>
John Byers	<i>Excused</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Excused</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Present</i>
Donna J. Fleming	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Virginia P. Norton	<i>Excused</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Present</i>	Herbert James Smith	<i>Excused</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Excused</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Richard Gonzalez	<i>Excused</i>		
Staff:			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Gail Ledford, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Ron McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<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>
Deborah H. Gutierrez, Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS)			<i>Present</i>

Guests and Other Attendees: Lynne Cramer, Nannette Bowler, and Barbara Antley

7:40 PM

Call to order

Donna Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Laura McDowall's passing was announced. Henry Wolf is collecting money and will be making a donation in her honor to the Katherine K. Hanley Shelter, Shelter House, Inc (501C). Laura McDowall was memorialized for her contributions through her longstanding work in the community. The Council will be working with Pat on the way to best honor and support her work over the years.

7:45-8:00 PM

FY 2011 Adopted Budget Recap

FY 2012 BOS Budget Guidance and Budget Outlook

Patricia Harrison and Ron McDevitt recapped the FY 2011 Adopted Budget. Ron gave highlights and handed out three handouts for member review: 1) Kevin Bell's Chairman Letter to the Board of Supervisors; 2) FY 2011 Final Adopted Budget Plan, calling special attention to columns D and E; and 3) Board Motions.

Donna Fleming: Did you hear why the Board of Supervisors did not fund the #8 and #30 requests?

Response: Home Based Care will address the #8 request. Shifting of resources could handle these cuts; however, with what the state did, we will need to watch it more closely. With the #30 request, we could not make a strong enough link to the initiatives going forward; however, they have assured that some of the positions will be reviewed in light of the number of retirements within the agency. The Budget Office is aware as we manage vacancies and it will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

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Donna Fleming: In light of that and in light of \$500k reserves? **Response**: The Board Motions document addresses the reserves recommendation.

Henry Wulf: Are these reserves one time money? **Response**: Yes, and it is only to ease the shifting of the system.

Stephanie Mensh: Will the emphasis be on redeploying job resources/ staff persons? Will it be used for training or assist in the retraining of individual staff members? **Response**: Actually to retrain the entire system. Ron is working with the Directors, as a group, on making decisions on how to best use the funds. There needs to be dialogue between the agencies and collaboration in resource allocation.

Henry Wulf: Does outsourcing include the nonprofits? **Baba Freeman**: Outsourcing has a greater intangible effect versus the usually focused on amount achieved through cost savings. **Response**: Yes, contracting with nonprofits is included in the review of outsourcing options. The county is monitoring its current contracts with nonprofits and will be reviewing them for the best performance results.

Stephanie Mensh: Where is the safety net for the neediest populations as cuts are also taken by alternative sources of transportation, i.e. Metro? **Response**: We will be looking more in the future with regards to walking paths and sidewalks; mobility issues and safe access to multimodal transportation alternatives like walking and buses, i.e. Fastran. Decisions regarding transportation can no longer be made in a vacuum.

8:00-8:30 PM

Status of Home Based Care as a Result of FY 2011 Budget

Pat Harrison shared that this is considered to be a most critical service to the Board of Supervisors and yet it did not get restored. Nannette Bowler and Barbara Antley reviewed the Home Based Care stats and FY 2011 Home Based Care Budget Reduction.

DFS Adult and Aging along with APS and AS are the primary providers of home based care. Barbara Antley referred council members to the Home Based Care, May 17, 2010 handout. She also thanked the council for their continued support of home based care services.

Tom Grodek: Are more people being referred to the senior centers? **Response**: It really is a wellness issue. Those who are able are already going to senior centers with out any trouble. Some referrals are made to the Adult Day Health Centers; however, others can not perform daily activities that would allow them to access the benefits of senior centers.

Stephanie Mensh: Can there be a cluster of services with a county staff person to create the linkages and work as case managers? **Response**: AAA, AS, and APS do work together in a combined fashion to provide services through an Adult Services Social Worker that is assigned.

Henry Wulf: Given the current demographics regarding age and wealth in the county and a growing aging population that is reasonably affluent, what impact will this have in the future to these numbers? **Response**: The numbers are fluid. In the future, there is a growing support of a "village model." Some counties form "villages" to broker for services from various agencies and with the county to provide more assistive technologies to make liveable communities; i.e. designing homes that a person can live in until they are 100 years old.

Kathleen Murphy: How helpful are the church organizations? **Response**: Extremely helpful. Many are assisting older adults even beyond their congregants. We are currently participating with the faith community to provide three "shepherd centers" within the county.

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Kathleen Murphy: Is there a template to help faith based organizations to assist them in recruiting volunteers and developing the resources and ideas to form senior services programs? **Response**: Yes, one is the Senior Centers without Walls that is in operation in the Burke – Springfield area.

8:30-8:45 PM

Discussion of HSC Agenda Planning - proposed

- June 21, 2010 Meeting
 - TANF Update
 - Older Adults Planning to include the 50+ framework model.
 - Support Services for The Housing Blueprint
 - Government's Role Discussion – Government as an enterprise
- July 19, 2010 Meeting is cancelled due to a scheduling conflict with Leadership Training that all Directors will be attending. The August 16, 2010 meeting is reinstated. The July 19 Meeting Agenda transfers to the August 16 meeting.
- August 16, 2010 Meeting
 - Restructuring and Reorganization Update
 - Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (DNCS)
 - System of Care for Children and Families (SOC)
 - Community Services Board (Tentative)
 - Boards, Authorities, and Commissions – unveil the plan for BACs and also to include an update on the status of the Community Funding Pool.
- September 20, 2010 Meeting
 - School Based Initiatives
 - Health Department MAAPP Update (Community Planning Process) – Health Assessment and resourcing structure of community and county resources.

8:45-8:50 PM

Other Business

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve and accept the March 22, 2010 meeting minutes with a minor spelling correction.

Herk Latimer, who has been serving the Human Services Council for 15 years, announced he will step off the council. The date will be determined over the summer. Pat Harrison thanked him for his faithful years of service to the Human Services Council, as well as the many years with the Therapeutic Advisory Council.

8:50 PM

Adjournment

Staff Support Information (also included on updated roster):

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