

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2011
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MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Baba Freeman	<i>Present</i>
Donna J. Fleming, Vice Chair	<i>Not Present</i>	Robert Gaudian	<i>Not Present</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Not Present</i>	Richard Gonzalez	<i>Not Present</i>
Richard P. Berger	<i>Not Present</i>	Carol Ann Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Not Present</i>	Myra Herbert	<i>Present</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Present</i>	William Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Wendy Breseman	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
John R. Byers	<i>Present</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Present</i>
Kenneth (Mark) Deal	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Gerald V. Poje	<i>Present</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Not Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Staff:			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
M. Gail Ledford, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Brenda Gardiner, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Ronald McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Regina Stewart, Office of the County Executive			<i>Present</i>

Guests and Other Attendees: Nanette Bowler, Michelle Gregory, Jim Gillespie, Barbara Antley, Marie Custode, Bob Eiffert, Robin Wilson, Becky Offutt, Stephanie Clements, Ameer Vyas, and Glen Barbour. Presenters: Rosalyn Foroobar and Carolyn Castro-Donlan.

7:40 p.m. - Call to Order

Kevin Bell, Chair of the Human Services Council, called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. He noted that the December and January meetings will be held on the 2nd Mondays of the month (December 12th and January 9th)

7:45p.m. - Behind the Headline: Trends and Implications for County residents

Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive, presented a trends document that reflects the significant demographic and social changes and the impact they have on our residents and communities. She noted that trends in the economy, housing, healthcare, poverty and culture, compromise one's ability to thrive and put a strain on Fairfax County's infrastructure and the capacity to effectively serve our residents. Ms. Harrison indicated that the Human Services System will need to be more planning oriented as a system because a large number of people will need broader supports from across multiple agencies and our community partners. (See attached presentation)

Council members indicated they would like to have more information regarding demographics of those without healthcare and asked that consideration be given to determine what other information would be needed to provide assistance.

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8:15 p.m. - Healthy People Round Table (presentation/discussion)

Rosalyn Foroobar, Health Department and Carolyn Castro-Donlan, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board presented "Healthy People" (see attached presentation)

They noted that the Human Services System engages multiple sectors and is working collaboratively to strengthen policies and practices that will:

- Create social and physical environments that promote health equity and improve the health of all groups
- Promote quality of life, healthy development, and healthy behaviors across all life stages
- Improve quality and access to primary, behavioral, oral health, and pharmacy services
- Enable residents to attain high-quality, longer lives, free of preventable disease, disability, injury, and premature death

Presentation topics included:

- Current Population Served
- Target Populations
- Health Outcomes
- Health Issues
- Factors Influencing Health
- Cross-Cutting Human Services System
- What Is Working and What Needs Improvement

8:45 p.m. - HSC roundtable discussions

Highlights of questions posed during the discussion

- What is status of Healthy Families Fairfax?
- How is primary care for the poor promoted?
- How are non-English speaking residents reached (in relation to provision of health care services)?
- How can the system promote use of primary care facilities in lieu of emergency room services?
- Does Fairfax County have a Medicaid fraud problem?
- Is there a way to tie dental care/screening to schools?
- Do we understand the factors related to the increase in births to single parents, especially Hispanic women (p 17)?
- How is CSB reorganization affecting children's services? Will there be gaps in provision of substance abuse supports as a result?
- What can be done re the suburbanization of our community (in relation to healthy living – when people can't walk the streets, public transportation is not adequate)
- Advocacy need for sidewalks, trails, public transit for more livable community
- Can you identify the programs that have federal and state support, in anticipation of the budget reductions that will hit the locality? How will these cuts affect planning?
- Does the county give/promote the HPV vaccination?

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- How does the County establish priorities? What is triage and relative benefit of working with those near poverty, not just those at or below poverty levels?
- Can the county breakout the poverty statistics- who is at the higher end, vs. the lowest end? How does this compare nationally and within Virginia?
- What is the process for use of eligibility systems to cut overhead costs – for low income persons using multiple programs?
- Can the county identify how dollars are allocated now and what the ideal formulation would be? (per capita spending now vs. ideal future) ...

Overall comments include:

- Use consistent statistics when sharing data in presentations– decide which to emphasize and use them commonly so people don't get lost in the baselines/changing numbers
- Might be helpful to give some case examples to demonstrate the information – ex: family in Culmore, individual with chronic needs, etc.
- The community needs to hear “how it affects me”. Lead them to think about “what can I do to help people in need?”
- What are other advisory boards doing with this information? (i.e., Community Action, Health Care advisory boards)

Specific questions on data include:

- P 9 What is the information on diabetes related to? Is it prevalence?
- P 20 – HSC would like to work on how this information is presented to the community (strategies to address data/issues) –should address the “how” in addition to the “what”
- P 27- Air quality – add data re the impact...for example rate of child/adult asthma

9:16 p.m. – Wrap Up

Pat Harrison indicated that the HSC would continue this similar process with the other five areas of the human services system.

- Positive Living for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities
- Affordable housing
- Connected individuals
- Economic self -sufficiency
- Successful youth

The next meeting is December 12th and it was noted to receive information prior to the meeting for members to review.

9:20 p.m. -Approval of October 17, 2011 meeting minutes (action -packet handout)

The minutes as recorded were approved.

Adjournment: The Human Services Council meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.