

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2011
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MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Richard Gonzalez	<i>Excused</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Excused</i>	Carol Ann Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Richard P. Berger	<i>Present</i>	Myra Herbert	<i>Excused</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Excused</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>Excused</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Excused</i>	Dr. Virginia P. Norton	<i>Present</i>
Donna J. Fleming, Vice Chair	<i>Present</i>	Herbert James Smith	<i>Not Present</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Excused</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Present</i>		
Staff:			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<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>

Guests and Other Attendees: George Braunstein; Rosalyn Foroobar; Michael Franks

7:35 PM

Call to Order

Donna Fleming, Vice Chair of the Human Services Council, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

7:40 – 8:10 PM

Budget and Legislative Update

Ronald McDevitt presented highlights of the Board of Supervisors' Markup of the FY 2012 Advertised Budget Plan. Formal adoption of the FY 2012 budget was scheduled for April 26, 2011. The Board of Supervisors reduced the real estate tax rate from \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value to \$1.07, a two-cent decrease from the FY 2011 rate. Mr. McDevitt also presented highlights from deliberations on the federal budget, particularly the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Continuing Resolution. Other budget highlights included:

- The *total county transfer to support the School Operating budget and Debt Service* is \$1.77 billion, or 52.5 percent of the total county disbursements.
- The budget plan identifies at least \$3.0 million in additional funding that the Fairfax County School Board could use to complete *expansion of full-day kindergarten to all county schools*.
- A *reserve of \$2.3 million* is set aside as a hedge against potential State and Federal funding reductions.
- The budget includes *the addition of 39 positions*, including 12 state-funded school nurse positions, 20 federally-funded positions to support mental health services, four positions to replace grant staffing support for detoxification programs and three staff for the expanded Reston Community Center.
- As recommended by the *Human Services Council*, funding of \$1.3 million is included for high school graduates with Intellectual Disabilities, as well as Medical Detoxification and Diversion to Detoxification programs.
- Existing resources have been identified that will enable continuation of the *Homeless Youth Initiative*, which was begun using ARRA stimulus funding.

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- Staff will continue working on leveraging county funds with the private sector to *maximize the ability of the community to combat homelessness*.
- The Board directed staff to work with community stakeholders to review *the Ending Homelessness Strategic Plan* and develop a framework for providing a full continuum of supports that addresses the root causes of homelessness. The county's strategy must include new housing resources as well as the full continuum of housing supports including customized employment services, affordable health care, and child care in an effort to prevent homelessness and end the cycle of chronic homelessness.
- Staff will review funding requirements for the *Housing Blueprint* for FY 2012 and identify flexibility generated from program income, savings from the Crescent refinancing, and grant opportunities and report to the Housing Committee at an upcoming meeting so that necessary funding adjustments may be considered at Carryover.

8:10 – 8:40 PM

Health Care Reform Overview

Brenda Gardiner presented an overview of the Fairfax County Health Care Reform Task Force, which is working to implement provisions included in the National Health Care Reform Initiative. Nearly 100,000 county residents have no health coverage, and nearly 1 in 3 residents in poverty do not have coverage. The local health care reform efforts need to support ongoing initiatives, such as:

- Healthy People 2020/"MAPP"
- Beeman Commission Implementation
- Systems of Care for Families and Children
- Technology Initiatives

The Fairfax Health Care Reform Task Force will be conducting a thorough study of the potential impact of federal and state health care reform policies, legislation, and regulatory acts on Fairfax County (and residents of Fairfax and Falls Church Cities served by the county.) Recommendations on phase one are due to the Board of Supervisors in November, 2011. George Mason University will be supporting the Task Force on specific deliverables.

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Transition and Agenda Setting for the Human Services Council—Fiscal Year 2012

Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison engaged the Human Services Council members in a general discussion of the future role of the Council, including duties assigned to the Council in their charter that should continue to be part of the Council's role in the community. This discussion will continue at subsequent meetings with emphasis on organizational structure, membership recruitment and retention, logistics, committee structure, and agenda planning for Fiscal Year 2012. Ms. Harrison recommended that this process engage the community and other key stakeholders and partners.

Brenda Gardiner will be coordinating this effort and will be organizing the future meetings and work of the Human Services Council. Mr. McDevitt will continue his role with the Human Services Council in providing guidance and analysis of budget and related legislative activities across the human services system.

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Other Business

Appointment of Human Services Council Representative to the County's Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC): The Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Stephanie Mensh as the Council's representative to the CCFAC, effective May 1, 2011.

New Member of the Human Services Council: The Board of Supervisors approved the nomination of Gerald V. Poje, Ph.D. by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins as a representative of the Hunter Mill District to the Human Services Council. The appointment was effective March 29, 2011.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the February 22, 2011 meeting were approved.

Adjournment: The Human Services Council meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.