

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, November 19, 2012
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MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Rick Gonzalez	<i>Absent</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Carol Ann Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Richard P. Berger	<i>Excused</i>	Myra Herbert	<i>Present</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Excused</i>	William Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Kenneth (Mark) Deal	<i>Present</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Present</i>
David Dunlap	<i>Excused</i>	Dr. Gerald V. Poje	<i>Present</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Present</i>	Tessie Wilson	<i>Excused</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Excused</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>

Guests and Other Attendees: George Braunstein, Kathleen Karnes, Michelle Gregory, 2 members of the public.

7: 38 p.m. - Call to Order

Colonel Barnwell shared information about the burial service and commemoration of John Byers at Arlington Cemetery. Over 100 community members attended a horse drawn carriage military salute and tribute. It was noted that a brief tribute to Mr. Byers is posted on the Council's web page.

Human Services Priorities

Kevin Bell opened discussion on the first meeting agenda item on human services priorities. The Council examined the community conditions framework of the 6 cross systems results areas. Questions discussed included:

Service providers, particularly nonprofits funded by the county:

1. What are factors affecting your services?
2. How are you as service providers addressing needs in your community
3. What can the Human Services Council do to assist you in being successful?
4. What is the public receiving from its investment in your services?
5. What results are you getting?
6. What will help your clients and people you serve be better off?

Points made included:

1. Proactive approach needed – involve other members of boards, authorities and commissions in dialogue
2. Develop a framework and format for discussions
3. Break individuals into small groups for engagement and dialogue

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4. Community report card – will report on the six results areas and the information will be used in budget documents
5. Human services silos exist...how are the priorities within the six results areas meshing with priorities of the county schools and their resources allocated in the budget?
6. What are the processes available to engage the school board in developing a common framework for priorities? For example, how do needs in school readiness get addressed between the human services initiatives and programs and those of the school system?

Kathleen Murphy noted that the schools are the first line of identification of needs for children, that when a child is hungry, they cannot learn. The teachers see needs and mechanisms for easy access to supports need to be developed. Jerry Poge noted the importance of training for this information to be shared with professional in the education system.

The group discussed the need for school based services to be replicated and sustained and that it is often difficult to keep a community driven support structure going when individual administrators at schools sites and champions leave their respective schools.

Pat Harrison reported that County Executive Ed Long is developing information about the 3-6 areas influencing county department services and the unmet needs in specific areas, such as wait lists, new outcomes for measuring effectiveness, specific funding issues and concerns.

Council members requested information regarding reductions by the 6 results areas for the past five years. Pat indicated that staff will be able to provide a three year trends document for fy 2012, 2013 and 2014. Ron McDevitt will provide this information to the council at an upcoming meeting.

Council members requested that the January 26th meeting include an invitation to school board members and the FCPS Citizen Social Services Advisory Committee and the Superintendent's leadership group.

Questions discussed for conversations with school employees and advocates:

1. How many students graduate and do not graduate from high school?
2. What are the needs of the adults coming through adult basic education and at the community college? Pat Harrison suggested inviting Dana Kaufmann from Northern Virginia community college to present data and to provide information on what they are seeing. How can the human services system collaborate with the schools, adult education, the community college, to help individuals be prepared to work in this county and to achieve economic stability and success?
3. Is there a strategy to establish cross system collaboration – no wrong door, case workers coordinating across systems, with specialists to identify resources?

Update on Community Forums - "Managing for Results" Community Dialogues

Michelle Gregory and Kathleen Karnes presented information on the "Managing for Human Services Results" and the upcoming December 10th meeting in Reston. This meeting was rescheduled from the original meeting, which was cancelled due to hurricane Sandy.

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Key information worth noting on the three sessions that have already occurred:

- Information will be compiled and published for community information.
- Several community groups, including the Mt. Vernon Council are interested in discussing results, conditions of well-being, and specific measures to track on a regular basis to tell the “human services story” on effectiveness of services.
- At budget time, the HSC is seeking ways to support this framework, and use it to articulate recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to fulfill its advisory charge on resources and allocations and priorities. The council is interested in methodologies to hold individual programs, both county and community provided, accountable for their results.

New business

Legislative testimony to the BOS on upcoming General Assembly – Council members discussed establishing a position on Medicaid expansion. Carol Hawn, vice-chair, agreed to serve as the Council’s spokesperson for the 4:30 p.m. November 20, 2013 BOS public hearing. The group discussed reiteration of the HSC position on early intervention funding and urging the Board to continue pursuit of additional new state financing for the Infant Toddler Connection program. Carol Hawn move approval of the Council’s position on Infant Toddler Connection, seconded by Kathleen Murphy. Council approved motion by voice vote. Consistent with recommendations of the Health Care Reform Implementation Task Force to the Board on health care reform, the group discussed a recommendation on support for Medicaid expansion in the commonwealth of Virginia. Kathleen Murphy reported on the Council’s recent report and action plan to the Board of Supervisors on strategies for improving the safety net. Baba Freeman move approval of a statement of support for Medicaid expansion, seconded by Henry Wulf. The council approved by voice vote. Kevin Bell requested staff to attach the Council’s letter to the Board on the CSB Budget management plan for reference, with a follow up letter from the Council to the Board on their recommendations. Motion was made by Henry Wulf, seconded by Kathleen Murphy and approved by voice vote.

Announcements:

1. Council members were reminded that the community dialogue on “Making a Measurable Difference” for the north county region is rescheduled for morning of December 10, 2012. This is the same day as the next Council meeting. Janet Hubbell of Dept. of Neighborhood and Community Services has arranged for an open house/bus tour of a variety of service sites in Reston/Herndon area for interested individuals. Council members were urged by Jerry Poge to sign up for the tour. Contact Janet for more information and to sign up.
2. Council Member David Dunlap is not in attendance due to a new addition to his family, the group congratulated the Dunlap family on the new arrival of Anna Natalina on November 2nd.

Upcoming Council meetings:

December 10th, 2012 – Human Services Council monthly meeting

January 14th, 2013 – Human Services Council monthly meeting

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January 26, 2013 – special Saturday forum

February 11th, 2013- Report on progress of CSB Budget Management Plan

Adjournment: The Human Services Council meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.