

Human Services Council Executive Committee

November 12, 2013

Meeting notes

Attendees: Kevin Bell, Henry Wulf, Kathleen Murphy, Bob Gaudian, Steve Bloom, Jerry Poje

Staff: Brenda Gardiner, Ron McDevitt, Pat Harrison, Gail Ledford, Michelle Gregory

Budget updates - Steve Bloom asked for discussion on the impact of sequestration, the federal shutdown and the use of the county reserve. Pat Harrison reported that the county is experiencing some recovery in the residential real estate tax collections, however, commercial vacancy rates are up, and revenues are flat. At carryover, part of the county's reserve fund was used to offset the impact of cuts to the FCHRA's housing choice voucher program. Prevention funding of \$750,000 was released to fund initiatives for nonprofits in the areas of nutrition, school readiness, child development strategies and day care, and bullying, mental wellness//suicide prevention. There was also training money for child care providers. Pat noted that the FCPS is noting a \$155 million deficit in the upcoming budget year.

Policy Committee – Jerry Poje reported the committee has not met collectively, but members are busy. Jack, Kathleen, and Jerry each represent the Council on children's services, healthy community and the safety net initiatives, and sustainable housing respectively. The group discussed the importance of active subcommittee membership from the other HSC members beyond the representatives mentioned. Mark Deal and Kathleen Murphy are co—chairs. Deputy County Executive Harrison briefed the group on the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT). The SCYPT is looking at behavioral health information, suicide prevention, head start and early learning/reading readiness initiatives. The priority list of needs for HSC included an overview of the first year on the 6 results areas - how the programs address them. In spring 2014, the community will be provided a briefing on the community 'score card'.

Outreach and Education Committee - Bob Gaudian briefed the Council members on options to engage the community. Some ideas include use of town hall meetings, technology (webcast HSC meetings) and additional information to include on the Council's website. Kathleen noted that students/volunteers could be recruited to tweet and provide instagram supports; Bob referenced resources at the GMU Enterprise Center, and that local area youth are in need of community service hours. FMD and support for audio loop services was discussed. Gail Ledford will research with FMD the capacity for webcasting the council meetings and presentations.

Planning for May 14th event- Options discussed included a discussion on the return on investment for services. Possible topics: Homelessness: 9 months interface re outcomes, how to provide assistance to maintain stable housing and to find employment. States to research included Washington, Oregon, Maryland. Another topic is the RBA work – how to pilot use of measures and at macro level how it gets implemented at program/services level. Medicaid and eligibility for services was also discussed. The update with nonprofits covered a framework of accountability through use of: strategic planning and performance measurement; information

management; infrastructure improvements. The group discussed using the May 14th event as an opportunity with nonprofit providers to showcase “what works” for the participants.

Residential Studio Zoning Policy – Jerry Poje identified that a new system for pulling together funding for affordable housing is needed. The group discussed the proposed ordinance and its impact to the community.

Agenda setting for November 18th Council meeting - Members reviewed the tentative tasks for the upcoming meeting: update on revisions to the Consolidated Community Funding Pool, the Early Childhood school readiness efforts (Anne Marie Twohie), and the county’s Community Health Plan.

Upcoming HSC meetings : November 18, 2013.