

Human Services Council Meeting
Executive Committee Thursday, February 28, 2013
MEETING MINUTES

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

County staff: George Braunstein, Chris Leonard, Dean Klein, Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Robert Easley, Bob Bermingham

Welcome and Overview – Kevin Bell, Chair of the Fairfax County Human Services Council, opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Human Services Department Overview

Presentations from Human Services department directors continued. Four departments/offices were reviewed: Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Department of Neighborhood and Community Services; and Department of Administration for Human Services. Each Director provided brief overviews of the key items included in the FY 2014 Advertised Budget Plan. (see attachments).

Discussion of Council Recommendations on the FY 2014 Advertised Budget Plan

Members of the Council’s **Budget Committee** discussed process for continued community input from advisory groups, interested citizens, advocacy organizations, individuals. A summary of the online survey will be provided at the HSC March 7th Executive Committee meeting. Seven individuals representing advisory groups or advocacy groups had signed up to speak at the Council’s upcoming March 5th meeting. Members discussed themes emerging about the Advertised Budget Plan, particularly regarding erosion of capacity within baseline services to meet needs. Members reviewed various programs and requested additional information regarding the impact to populations served. Chairman Bell requested members to submit questions regarding specific line items and programs to staff for written response to the full committee.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee - Jerry Poje reported on the committee’s attendance at the Hypothermia Shelter program held the evening of February 21, 2013 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax. Members ate dinner with guests and reported on observations regarding the situations for individual program participants, particularly regarding their

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employment (most are) and the reasons they find themselves homeless. Members suggested various strategies to communicate the need for more affordable housing opportunities, enhancements to work programs to help the long term unemployed, and supports for individuals with ongoing behavioral health concerns.

Education and Outreach Committee – Bob Gaudian reported on the committee’s last meeting on February 5, 2013. The committee discussed the May 18th community dialogue session and the proposal for a high school “letter” program for civic engagement/community service for students, similar to the athletic and academic letter program.

Next Steps and Adjournment

Announcements:

Upcoming Council meetings were announced:

Tuesday, March 5, 2013, Kelly Square, 7 p.m. Input session with Boards, Authorities and Commissions and interested groups

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.