

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, April 21, 2014, 7:30PM
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Carol Ann Hawn	<i>Absent</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Myra Herbert	<i>Present</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Absent</i>	William Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Kenneth (Mark) Deal	<i>Absent</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Absent</i>
Jack Dobbyn	<i>Absent</i>	Dr. Gerald V. Poje	<i>Present</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Absent</i>	Adrienne Stokes	<i>Present</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Absent</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Absent</i>		
Staff:			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Gail Ledford, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Michelle Gregory, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Present</i>
Ronald McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>

Guests and County Staff: Tom Bash, Robert Easley, Brenda Gardiner, Jessica Werder, Nannette Bowler and Rosalyn Foroobar

7:40 p.m. – Welcome and Overview – Gerald Poje, Vice Chairman of the Fairfax County Human Services Council, opened the meeting by introducing Adrienne Stokes, who is a new member to the Human Services Council. Ms. Stokes was appointed by Supervisor Linda Smyth from the Providence District. Each member of the Council introduced themselves and welcomed Adrienne to the Council.

FY 2015 Budget Update – Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive, supported by Ronald McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services, provided a general update of the budget process. They shared that more than 250 people provided testimonies to the board during the public hearings. A budget document outlining the Adjustments to the FY 2015 and FY 2016 Advertised Multi-Year Budget was made available for review.

Pat Harrison described the next steps that involved the budget markup in which the board would incorporate feedback from the public hearing process. She discussed the difficult decisions the board has to make in order to support service needs across the system, staff compensation and simultaneously managing the tax rate to avoid costs that could adversely affect residents. Revenue is not being generated as expected. There is an anticipated multi-million dollar shortfall for the 2016 budget cycle as well.

Pat also identified issues or topics that might be incorporated in budget guidance from the Board of Supervisors. The list included disproportionality, behavioral health, and translational medicine. The Council acknowledged that behavioral health may be a good agenda item for the June Human Services Council meeting.

It was also noted that the awardees from the Consolidated Community Funding Pool would be identified on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. Members of the council should pay attention to these budget issues as they become public.

Chairman Kevin Bell commended the HSC budget committee and staff for their work in helping to prepare the letter and the presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Pat Harrison stated that there was positive feedback from the board about how the materials were constructed. Kevin Bell asked Ron McDevitt to send out an email

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to keep the Council informed about the budget process as it unfolds.

Healthcare Collaborative Review - Patricia Harrison opened the conversation related to the healthcare collaborative. Initially, a task force comprised of major agencies involved in delivering healthcare services were pulled together to assess the state of health as a result of ACA and potential Medicaid expansion. The work has evolved to include a more in-depth study and recommendations to build efficiencies in our practices that meet the needs of the community in light of those changes.

Brenda Gardiner delivered the presentation regarding the work done to support the review and realignment of Healthcare Services. The Council discussed and asked questions concerning how this information would be best shared with other boards, authorities and commissions, as well as the Board of Supervisors. Specific suggestions were made related to streamlining the language and clearly articulating the purpose. The Council expressed concern about implementation and acknowledged the challenges involved in moving forward on the draft recommendations. It was suggested that a phased approach could help describe how such broad changes could occur over time. Other comments involved the positions needed to support and sustain the realignment. Kevin Bell asked that the Council be updated on any budget implication or resource needs that would impact other services.

The full report was yet to be finalized and available for the Human Services Council meeting. Before the presentation to the Board of Supervisors, the main goal would be to share enough information to clarify intentions while continuing to take the necessary steps to support the healthcare system and develop a sturdier foundation around the safety-net services.

Community Forum – Michelle Gregory noted the need to postpone the community forum initially scheduled for May 17, 2014. Additional time is needed to develop the program. Allowing more planning time will result in a better ability to develop a program with targeted goals and outcomes. Michelle Gregory would work with members of the Council to begin the planning process and develop a proposal for the counselors review in June.

Approval of Council meeting minutes – Henry Wulf made a motion to approve the February 25, 2014 and March 18, 2014 minutes with a second from Steve Bloom.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm. The next full HSC meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Government Center.