

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2014
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MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Robert Gaudian	<i>Present</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Absent</i>	Carol Ann Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Absent</i>	Myra Herbert	<i>Present</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Present</i>	William Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Kenneth (Mark) Deal	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Jack Dobbyn	<i>Absent</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Present</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Gerald V. Poje	<i>Present</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
<u>Staff:</u>			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Gail Ledford, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Brenda Gardiner, 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>Absent</i>

County Staff: Robert Easley

7:40 p.m. – Welcome and Overview – Jerry Poje, Vice Chairman of the Fairfax County Human Services Council, opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Budget Review Process – Council members discussed the schedule for the public hearings and the subsequent budget process. The council acknowledged the need to clarify the date for the HSC presentation to the BOS as well as dates for the public hearings. Staff will specify dates and send updated information to the council.

The Council reviewed the proposed agenda for the community dialogue sessions on February 8, 2014. After much discussion on the benefits and challenges of the dialogue session, the council decided to identify alternative strategies to regularly engage and capture feedback from a broad representation of the community. In addition to representatives from boards, authorities, and commissions (BACs), residents from across the county would have an opportunity to share their thoughts about human services needs. This type of information would aid the council in identifying priorities to guide their work. A survey, blog, and community assessment were proposed as strategies to collect community data, but more information is needed to determine the best approach(es). Stephanie Mensh made a motion to cancel the February 8th meeting. Baba Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Henry Wulf and Carol Hawn abstaining. The February 10 meeting was added back into the schedule to provide time to plan for the upcoming budget process.

Council Member Updates – The budget committee will be convening to prepare for the upcoming budget review process and develop the letter to the BOS.

By-Laws – By-Laws Committee Chair, Carol Hawn, presented the draft by-laws for review. Suggested changes were made in Article III, Section 5 and Article V, Section 1. The council did not arrive at a conclusive decision on the topic of term limits. Steve Bloom proposed postponing the discussion on the by-laws. The council decided to have a full discussion to finalize the by-laws in April. This would allow time to focus on the by-laws after the budget process.

Correspondence with the BOS – Kevin Bell introduced a memorandum from the council to the BOS to introduce the poverty graphic. It was acknowledged that the BOS had been briefed on the information in the interim through a

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presentation prepared by Pat Harrison. It was determined that the current memorandum was no longer relevant for the purpose of informing the BOS.

Approval of the November 18, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes – Henry Wulf made a motion to approve the minutes and Jerry Poje seconded the motion.

Announcements – Stephanie Mensh updated the council on the public hearings regarding RSUs and commented on the importance of having informed community stakeholders, such as members of the HSC, publically share accurate information about RSUs and the positive aspects of this type of housing. The council highlighted the importance of their role in educating the community.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:40.