

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2014, 7:30PM
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Carol Ann Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Myra Herbert	<i>Present</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Absent</i>	William Kogler	<i>Excused</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Excused</i>
Mark Kenneth Deal	<i>Present</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Present</i>
Jack Dobbyn	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Gerald V. Poje	<i>Excused</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Excused</i>	Adrienne M. Stokes	<i>Present</i>
Baba F. Freeman	<i>Excused</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Excused</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, Rosalyn Foroobar, Jessica Werder, Brenda Gardiner, Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu

7:40 p.m. – Welcome and Overview – Kevin H. Bell, Chair of the Fairfax County Human Services Council, opened the meeting and informed the Council of his participation on a task force to consider a meals tax referendum in Fairfax County, Virginia. A prior proposal for a meals tax was not successful. Surrounding towns and cities in Virginia have a meals tax, but the approval process in Fairfax County is dependent upon the question being put on a ballot and having voters decide. An estimated \$90 million could be generated if a meals tax were approved. Kevin acknowledged that a meals tax is a potential strategy to diversify the tax base and cover the cost of needed services, such as those associated with intellectually disabled graduates. The council asked Ron McDevitt to identify the baseline for the intellectually disabled (ID) graduates and the cumulative cost over time.

Health Management Association Recommendations Update - Pat Harrison, Deputy County Executive, opened the discussion on behavioral health to include an update on the report to the Board of Supervisors. Brenda Gardiner delivered the PowerPoint presentation. Pat shared background information regarding the impetus of the report, including federal changes such as the Affordable Healthcare Act and a report that was produced by the Health Care Reform Implementation Task Force which studied the impact of federal healthcare changes. Kathleen Murphy was the HSC representative on this workgroup. Pat commented on the recommendations within the report, stating that implementing them would require a lot of work and support from major organizations and the providers of the human services system. Pat presented to the Board of Supervisors in May and was asked to come back to the July board meeting with a more detailed plan. The Board had questions about the recommendations and the impact on the system. They were unclear about steps that would need to be taken to implement the recommendations and were reluctant to approve any of the recommendations until they were better informed.

As a result of the healthcare conversation, Kevin is dedicating the June and July Human Services Council meetings to agenda items that impact health. This would allow the Council to be informed and to support Pat in the work ahead. Pat acknowledged that related boards, authorities and commissions (BACs) should come together to support health related issues. Such a strategy may require forming a committee to represent the collective interests and priorities. Pat emphasized the need for the human services system to work together and speak with one voice, demonstrating a collective focus from multiple stakeholders.

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During the presentation, Brenda highlighted that the target population includes uninsured and underinsured residents who have access barriers. The goal is to connect them with needed services and to provide a medical home to minimize episodic emergencies and foster preventive healthy behaviors. She further highlighted that the county does not have the capacity to handle the number of clients who are projected to come into the system. Pat and the Council discussed next steps. Collecting regular feedback from the HSC as well as other BACs would be important. The feedback should include suggestions about priorities. If the current recommendations are not fully adopted by the Board, there are certain areas that still require attention. Data warehousing and integrated care plans are business practices that will allow us to deliver services in a modern era.

Recognizing the current focus on health, Kevin noted that health would be an appropriate topic for the Human Services Council forum. Kevin identified additional council members to support the planning process for the forum, which includes Mark Deal, Kathleen Murphy, and Adrienne Stokes in addition to Bob Gaudian, Bill Kogler, and Gerry Poje who had previously provided support.

Behavioral Health Update - Brenda Gardiner also updated the Council on behavioral health. The expansion of behavioral health was included in the FY 2015 budget. The report outlined four major areas identified through budget guidance. They include: opportunities for enhanced collaboration with the Fairfax County Public Schools, a clear explanation of the use of funds approved for the expansion, and options for acceleration of future funding and a report on the demand of services in FCPS and Fairfax County.

Approval of April 21, 2014, Council Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the April meeting were approved. Henry Wulf moved to approve the minutes and Barney Barnwell seconded the motion. Carol Hawn and Mark Deal, who did not attend the April meeting, abstained.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:35p.m. The next full HSC meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Government Center, conference rooms 4 and 5.