

Human Services Council Meeting
November 17, 2014, 7:30PM
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MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Carol Ann Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Col. Marion (Barney) Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Myra Herbert	<i>Excused</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Absent</i>	William Kogler	<i>Excused</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Present</i>	Rev. LaVerne McCain Gill	<i>Absent</i>
Jeff Dannick	<i>Excused</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Excused</i>
Kenneth (Mark) Deal	<i>Absent</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Excused</i>
Jack Dobbyn	<i>Absent</i>	Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Poje	<i>Present</i>
Robert Faherty	<i>Present</i>	Adrienne Stokes	<i>Present</i>
Rev. Dr. Jerrold Foltz	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Present</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: Kurt Creager, Lee Ann Pender, Linda Hoffman, Rosalyn Foroobar, Jessica Werder, Robert Easley

7:35 p.m. – Welcome and Overview – Gerald Poje opened the meeting and introduced Kurt Creager, the incoming Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Kurt is currently in a two-month transition period as the current Director, Paula Sampson, will retire in January of 2015. Kurt participated in a brief discussion with the Council to highlight his experiences in leading various organizations as well as housing initiatives.

FY 2016 Budget Process – Steve Bloom, Human Services Council Budget Chairman, provided an update on the activities to support the FY 2016 process. He proposed that members of the Council meet with their respective Supervisor to learn more about their priorities prior to the release of the advertised budget. Talking points would be developed in advance of that meeting to provide consistency in the Human Services Council message. This approach would provide time for the Council to engage in thoughtful conversation with the Board of Supervisors outside of the annual presentation.

Talking points would be high-level, include a couple of questions for the Board of Supervisors to respond to, and provide guidance to the Council. Staff can help with scheduling meetings in January and with the preparation of materials to share with the Board of Supervisors.

Carol Hawn asked that the Council ensure Ed Long, County Executive, was comfortable with this approach. Further discussion reiterated that Council members would not attempt to advocate for specific programs or services. This is an opportunity to get feedback.

FY 2016 Budget Public Input Process - Bill Kogler distributed a draft memo regarding the budget input process from community groups. The Council discussed the budget related to the public input process and opportunities for improvement. There was some concern that a more stringent process might limit community participation.

Gerald Poje asked Michelle Gregory to review the proposal for how the Council could support the community input process for the Human Services Resource Plan / Needs Assessment. This involves hosting community

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meetings to educate and gather information from community stakeholders. This was initially discussed at the October Human Services Council meeting.

Approval of October 20, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the October meeting were approved. A correction was requested to the spelling of Robert Gaudian’s last name.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm. The next full HSC meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2014, at 7:30pm in the Government Center.