

Human Services Council Meeting  
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MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
<b>Kevin H. Bell, Chair</b>	<i>Present</i>	<b>Carol Ann Hawn</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Col. Marion (Barney) Barnwell</b>	<i>Excused</i>	<b>Myra Herbert</b>	<i>Absent</i>
<b>Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop</b>	<i>Absent</i>	<b>William Kogler</b>	<i>Excused</i>
<b>Steven Bloom</b>	<i>Present</i>	<b>Rev. LaVerne McCain Gill</b>	<i>Absent</i>
<b>Jeff Dannick</b>	<i>Present</i>	<b>Michele Menapace</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Kenneth (Mark) Deal</b>	<i>Absent</i>	<b>Stephanie Mensh</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Jack Dobbyn</b>	<i>Excused</i>	<b>Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Poje</b>	<i>Excused</i>
<b>Robert Faherty</b>	<i>Excused</i>	<b>Dr. Sergio Rimola</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Rev. Dr. Jerrold Foltz</b>	<i>Excused</i>	<b>Adrienne Walters</b>	<i>Excused</i>
<b>Robert Gaudian</b>	<i>Absent</i>	<b>Henry Wulf</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Staff:</b>			
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: Carita Parks, Elisa Lueck, Karla Bruce, Kristin Byrns, Lee Ann Pender and Robert Easley

**Welcome and Overview** – Kevin Bell formally opened the meeting thanking CSB Assistant Deputy Director, Lyn Tomlinson for the tour of the Merrifield site. The HSC met before the Council meeting to tour Merrifield Center and gain a better understanding of the services provided at the site. Lyn Tomlinson led the tour and shared additional information about attributes of the site to include co-location of services, technological improvements to increase access, and the aesthetic building design deliberately designed to enhance the service experience for residents. The HSC commended the progress made to build upon a holistic service model that addresses mental health. The Council noted that it will be important to collect information that helps to assess how well the model works and be prepared to replicate or expand service components as appropriate.

**Highlights of Region 2 Area** – Chairman Bell invited Elisa Lueck and Karla Bruce to share information about Region 2, which covers the eastern part of Fairfax County. The presentation supported an ongoing effort to ensure HSC members have insight on work across the County and within various communities. Elisa specifically spoke about regional partnerships with Fairfax County Public Schools as well as Fairfax County Police to build upon activities that support youth and their families. The efforts enhanced the provision of food services and out of school activities, which subsequently assist youth in being better prepared to perform academically. In conjunction with Elisa’s presentation, excerpts from *The Human Services Environment in Region 2*, was shared to

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outline the characteristics of Region 2, including demographic and service related information. This is a publication produced by Countywide Service Integration and Planning Management (CSIPM) to inform planning processes and decision makers about the current and future environment and align strategies and resources to address community issues.

**Review Draft of 2016 Fairfax County Human Services Issue Paper** – The Draft 2016 Fairfax County Human Services Issue Paper was shared. It addresses many of the issues the Human Services Council has been discussing over the past few years, to include children and youth services to support academic success, access to primary health care and mental health services, and protections to support older adults and people with disabilities. In addition, the Issue Paper aligns with the Council’s collective messages concerning the continued impact of the Great Recession, highlighting the trends of those in poverty. Pat Harrison noted elements in the paper regarding the proposal to redesign intellectual disability, developmental disability, and day support waivers as well as extensions in foster care and kinship care supports. Kevin Bell noted the mental health, public safety, and criminal justice system component that would connect non-violent offenders experiencing mental health crises to appropriate treatment services.

**Review draft of 2016 HSC calendar and discuss tentative January BAC and LOBs meeting** – The Council thoroughly discussed the approach to engage Human Services Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs) in a dialogue to better unite their efforts. While the various BACs may have specific interests, they collectively work to improve upon the well-being of the residents in Fairfax County. The goal of the HSC Dialogue is to build upon their collective strengths and identify actions and messages to support their collective purpose. The Council reviewed a draft schedule of upcoming events and agreed to host a Meeting on January 30th for the BACs. It would be supported by a letter from Chairman Bell to clarify the intent of the meeting. Staff would help draft the letter and send notification for the upcoming meeting.

The Council also confirmed that, as part of the 2016 HSC Budget process, they wanted to hear from the Human Services directors again this year in a format similar to 2015.

**Review and approval of November minutes** – November minutes were approved.

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**Adjournment** – Meeting Adjourned at 9:45p.m.