

Human Services Council Meeting
September 21, 2015, 7:30 PM
MEETING MINUTES

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>Absent</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Absent</i>	William Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Present</i>	Rev. LaVerne McCain Gill	<i>Absent</i>
Jeff Dannick	<i>Excused</i>	Michele Menapace	<i>Present</i>
Kenneth (Mark) Deal	<i>Absent</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Jack Dobbyn	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Poje	<i>Present</i>
Robert Faherty	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Sergio Rimola	<i>Present</i>
Rev. Dr. Jerrold Foltz	<i>Excused</i>	Adrienne Walters	<i>Present</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Staff:			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Gail Ledford, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Absent</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: Lee Ann Pender, Rosalyn Foroobar, Michael Lane, Gordon Dean, Liz Henry, Tom Bash, Tracy Steffek

Welcome and Overview – Chairman Kevin Bell opened the meeting at 7:35p.m. noting the passing of Robert (Bob) E. Simon Jr., the founder of Reston. Jerry Poje, representing Hunter Mill District, added that Bob Simon had a vision for that part of the county and emphasized the importance of long-term positive community development.

Chairman Bell welcomed Michele Menapace as an official member to the Council. Michele shared her background is primarily with the public school system, helping to advocate for school budgets both locally and at the state level. She is current Chair of the Community Action Advisory Board and a member of the Lee District Citizens Budget Advisory Group. Michele also volunteers as a driver for Food for Others and looks forward to participating on the Council as an extension of her advocacy work.

FY15 Carryover Budget – Ron McDevitt updated the Council on the FY15 Carryover Budget Review noting a year-end balance of approximately \$47 million. Carryover requirements that specifically impact human services include the addition of a second Mobile Crisis Unit, resources to address Public Assistance case management and SNAP, prevention services, and reducing the SACC waiting lists. Additional requirements include funding the Annandale Adult Day Health Care Center for a six-month transition period.

Lines of Business (LOBs) Review Update – Ron McDevitt provided an update on the LOBs process explaining that agencies are currently working to compile their portion of LOBs, which is more in depth than the annual budget process requirements. Initial draft will be submitted in October for the committee to review as an entire package. LOBs will be released in January and reviewed through a series of meetings. Ron also noted this was an ongoing process and future updates would be presented to the Council.

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Chairman Bell emphasized the importance of having human services metrics to include and concern of the overlap in timing with the budget process. Bob Gaudian stressed the importance of constituent input and the importance of transparency to the community. Pat Harrison reminded the Council that this process is different from the last LOBs process because of the internal staff committee formed to help promote consistency across the process.

Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission – Chairman Bell thanked the Council for their support on a letter that was sent on behalf of the Human Services Council Executive Committee to the Board of Supervisors recommending the addition of a Mobile Crisis Unit as proposed in the FY15 Carryover Budget Review Recommendations of the County Executive. Chairman Bell stated that this funding request highlights the close intersection between public safety and human services. Jerry Poje added that much of the work of the Ad Hoc Police Review Commission overlaps with the work of the Council. A motion was made for the entire Council to support the comments included in the letter to the Board of Supervisors. A motion was made by Jack Dobbyn and seconded by Robert Faherty.

The Councils also discussed Diversion First, an initiative to establish an effective diversion-oriented system of care to reduce the number of people with mental illness, co-occurring substance use disorders, and intellectual/developmental disabilities inappropriately placed in jails and detention centers. Michael Lane, CSB's new Deputy Director of Administrative Operations, confirmed that the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Coordinator position, which plays a critical role in this initiative, has been filled. Pat Harrison noted that since May over 150 officers have received training.

Human Services Council Talking Points – Steve Bloom emphasized the importance of building and sustaining a relationship with the Board of Supervisors year-round and distributed talking points for the Council members to use as a framework to support their conversations. Steve also mentioned the importance of members reporting back to the Council on their meetings. Future HSC agendas will allow time to hear this feedback. Pat Harrison offered support in the planning and coordination of these meetings as needed.

The Council suggested meeting with Fairfax County School Board members. This would allow Council members to meet on human services related issues. Michele Menapace and Jack Dobbyn offered their support to the Council as needed.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the July 20, 2015, meeting were approved. It was noted that members with excessive absences were reported to the Office of the Clerk of the Board. Some members expressed concern for recruiting members to fill vacancies.

Announcements – Chairman Bell reminded the Council that the next full membership meeting on October 19, 2015, would be held at Reston Community Center in Conference Room 4. Additionally, the November 16, 2015, full membership meeting would be held at the South County Government Center, Conference Room 221AB.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.