

Human Services Council Meeting  
 April 20, 2015, 7:30 P.M.  
 MEETING MINUTES

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>Present</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>Stephanie Mensh</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Kenneth (Mark) Deal</b>	<i>Absent</i>	<b>Kathleen Murphy</b>	<i>Absent</i>
<b>Jack Dobbyn</b>	<i>Excused</i>	<b>Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Poje</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Robert Faherty</b>	<i>Excused</i>	<b>Adrienne Stokes</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Rev. Dr. Jerrold Foltz</b>	<i>Present</i>	<b>Henry Wulf</b>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Robert Gaudian</b>	<i>Absent</i>		
<b>Staff:</b>			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Absent</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>
Brenda Gardiner, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>

Guests and County Staff: Jess Werder, Robert Easley, Rosalyn Foroobar, Ben Boxer

**Welcome and Overview** – Kevin Bell opened the meeting and congratulated the Budget Committee for the work it did during the budget cycle and presentation to the BOS. The Council acknowledged the restoration of programs and services that exceeded what the HSC formally recommended. Jerry Poje and Steve Bloom thanked staff for the data and information as well as the writing assistance and overall support that helped them in their work.

**FY 2016 Advertised Budget**– Ron McDevitt provided an overview of the public hearings, highlighting that Healthy Families was the most common topic discussed across three public meetings. Kevin stated that this program covers 20 percent of the population and he would like to know where we can find the support for the remaining families who need assistance, but cannot be served due to limited capacity. Kevin wants to begin preparing for next year with a proactive approach to identify where we are not meeting the needs. The Council discussed dedicating time to develop an annual agenda to prepare them for the next budget cycle in which another shortfall is expected.

The Council discussed its work regarding the budget as a springboard to a larger conversation about meeting the needs in the county. This should involve more regular interaction with the Board of Supervisors to educate them about needs prior to the budget presentation and even before the budget is announced. These interactions would build upon the interviews that were scheduled in January 2015 between HSC members and their respective member of the BOS. The Council also affirmed its FY 16 budget letter and presentation approach, which reiterated key issues and needs and recommended funding for a select set of services and programs. Through this process, the HSC provided recommended priorities for the BOS, which is a primary role of the HSC.

**Human Services Council Webpage** – Ben Boxer provided a presentation to support an update to the Council’s webpage. It included organizing the page to better distinguish various types of information. It will also allow quick access to meeting schedules and meeting materials. The Council’s major comments included: adding a link to other human services boards, authorities and commissions (BACs) and making the page more interactive and a link to additional human services-related information.

Human Services Council Meeting  
April 20, 2015, 7:30 P.M.  
MEETING MINUTES

**Approval of February 26, 2015, and March 16, 2015, Council Meeting Minutes** – The minutes from the February and March meetings were approved.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.