

Human Services Council Meeting
 July 18, 2016, 7:30 PM
 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Martin Machowsky	<i>Present</i>
Kimberly Adams	<i>Excused</i>	Michele Menapace	<i>Excused</i>
Col. Marion (Barney) Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Audrey Morton	<i>Present</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Excused</i>	Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Poje	<i>Present</i>
Jeff Dannick	<i>Excused</i>	Dr. Sergio Rimola	<i>Present</i>
Jack Dobbyn	<i>Present</i>	Rev. Alexis Vaughan Kassim	<i>Excused</i>
Robert Faherty	<i>Present</i>	Adrienne Walters	<i>Absent</i>
Rev. Dr. Jerrold Foltz	<i>Present</i>	Patrice Winter	<i>Present</i>
Thomas Goodwin	<i>Present</i>		
William Kogler	<i>Present</i>		
Staff:			
Michelle Gregory, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Present</i>
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Lee Ann Pender, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Ron McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Tracy Steffek, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Present</i>

Guests and County Staff: County Executive Edward L. Long Jr., Deputy County Executive Dave Molchany, George Becerra, Tom Bash, Wanda Gibson, Carita Parks, Jess Werder, Linda Hoffman, Debbie Gutierrez, Nannette Bowler, Tisha Deeghan, Jerome Newsome, Greg Scott, Gordon Dean, and Jim Gillespie

7:35 p.m. – Welcome and Overview – Chairman Kevin Bell opened the meeting welcoming County Executive Edward L. Long Jr., Deputy County Executive Dave Molchany, and Wanda Gibson and Greg Scott from the Department of Information Technology (DIT).

Re-Envisioning Human Services – Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison shared with the Council that she had recently presented her vision for the Health and Human Services System (HHS) to staff at a series of meetings titled, “Pat’s Chats.” Pat then presented similar material on the integrative business model to the Council. A short video was played, which helped paint a broad picture the ongoing strategic efforts and Pat offered an overview of how specific initiatives, like the Human Services Needs Assessment and the Human Services Report Card, support this vision. Pat also highlighted the shift from the name “Human Services System” to “Health and Human Services System” in an effort to emphasize the importance of healthy people, healthy communities, and a healthy system.

Pat informed the Council that she has been working closely with Deputy County Executive Dave Molchany, and staff from human services and DIT to create an information technology (IT) infrastructure that integrates our numerous computer systems. This is another example of an ongoing initiative that supports the concept of working toward an integrative model. The work on the IT Roadmap will help the human services system to achieve: 1) a client register, 2) document management, 3) service information exchange, and 3) analytics. Greg Scott and Wanda Gibson presented an overview of the timeline and key implementation activities.

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A discussion between county staff and the Council ensued surrounding the IT Roadmap as it relates to timeline and financial resources, inter-regional approaches, ever-changing technology, and connecting human services information with public safety information.

Human Services Council Officers – Barney Barnwell, Nominating Committee Chair, distributed the ballot to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the Council. A motion was made to approve and accept the slate ballot. Nominees for each position briefly spoke to the Council and voting commenced. It was announced that Chairman Kevin Bell remains in his position for the next year and Michele Menapace has been newly appointed as Vice-Chair.

Approval of Minutes – The meeting minutes from June 20, 2016, were approved.

Announcements – Jerry Poje shared that he attended a meeting hosted by Director of Family Services Nannette Bowler on communicating human services needs. The Council briefly discussed how they could best demonstrate the importance of Pat's larger vision and human services to residents and community stakeholders. A subcommittee including Tom Goodwin and Martin Machowsky was formed to explore possibilities and offer a recommendation to the Council at the September meeting.

Jerry also shared that he met with his respective school board member, Pat Hines of the Hunter Mill district. They discussed the intersection of families within the school system and the human services system. South Lakes High School youth will be working on a project that focuses on efforts to increase communication as it relates to this intersection.

Adjournment –The next full membership meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016, at Fairfax County Government Center in Conference Rooms 9 & 10. There will be no August meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.