

## **Human Services Council Executive Committee Meeting**

### **Monday, April 8, 2013 Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Henry Wulf, Kevin Bell, Jerry Poje, Kathleen Murphy

Staff: Pat Harrison, Brenda Gardiner, Ron McDevitt

#### **Committee reports**

##### **Budget Committee**

Henry Wulf reported on the status of County budget. The group discussed feedback from the Board of Supervisors regarding the County budget, as well as the public hearings and community input provided to date. The members agreed to an agenda item for the Council's April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to receive reports from individual Council members on remarks/positions from their respective appointing authorities on the budget. Pat Harrison reported on various potential areas for Board of Supervisors consideration. Members expressed concerns regarding the potential for budget reductions in human services should the Board of Supervisors choose to reduce proposed tax rates below those proposed by the County Executive.

The group discussed youth mental health and substance abuse prevention services. Members discussed the need for the stabilization fund and availability for needs in human services, particularly for critical vacancies. Pat described the inability for CSB in particular to fill critical positions in the first tier of services (crisis management, emergency services, residential) for those with serious emotional illness, and positions needed to fulfill licensing and regulatory requirements, particularly in residential programs. The next serious level of service for treatment and case management services is experiencing a 28% vacancy rate for adult services, and 37% in youth services. Prevention services and administrative/management positions are also vacant and revenues supporting those positions are insufficient to cover vacancies in those areas. The CSB currently has over 112 vacant positions.

##### **Policy Committee**

- Human Services Council meeting – Pat presented information regarding a new study on the CSB Youth services delivery system. An internal county workgroup has been established to review the gaps in existing services provided for youth with behavioral health needs, and the team will review CSB capacity to address service needs, and make recommendations on actions to take. Representatives from the schools, human services and police will be on the committee. A preliminary budget recommendation is needed in the mid-July timeframe to allow opportunity to address needed priority issues in the County carryover budget review process.
- Agenda item: June 17<sup>th</sup> dialogue with BACs and community stakeholders on youth services needs. The policy committee will prepare draft questions for full Council consideration on youth services.

- Next meeting: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – staff directed to announce meeting and arrange for space. Agenda will include discussion of the youth services input from the community

**Agenda Setting for Council** – Future meetings were discussed and plans made for various activities:

- **April 15<sup>th</sup> HSC meeting** – the group finalized the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. The group discussed the potential for setting an additional HSC meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Decision on the need for meeting will be made at April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **May 18, 2013 Community Forum** - The group discussed the agenda. Keynote speaker Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources William Hazel has confirmed attendance. Both BOS Chairman Sharon Bulova and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins will be in attendance and are available for brief remarks. Supervisor Bulova needs to be on agenda later in the program. Remarks requested for Sec. Hazel: Future of state resources; what should localities be prepared for? With less funding, what are the effective, appropriate and needed improvements to local-state relations? What is the Secretary's advice for his home jurisdiction? At local level, questions to be covered by speakers include addressing with the community the overall vision for better state and local partnerships? Areas to cover include the impact of federal budget reductions. (example: Medicaid expansion in Virginia; health reform implementation, etc.) . The group discussed resolution and recognition for Secretary Hazel.

#### **Other Business**

Jerry Poje requested that Council members be provided a list of Council member appointees to various County committees.

**Next meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2013 - 7:30 p.m. – HSC Executive Committee**

**Adjournment: 8:50 p.m.**