

**Human Services Council Meeting**  
**Monday, November 30, 2009**  
**Government Center, Conference Rooms 4 & 5**

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chairman	<i>Excused</i>	Tom Grodek	<i>Present</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Carol Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Richard P. Berger	<i>Excused</i>	Bill Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Wendy Breseman	<i>Present</i>	Michael Kwon	<i>Excused</i>
John Byers	<i>Present</i>	Herk Latimer	<i>Excused</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Present</i>	Laura I. McDowall	<i>Excused</i>
Donna J. Fleming	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Present</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Excused</i>
Robert Gaudian		Dr. Virginia P. Norton	<i>Excused</i>
Richard Gonzalez	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
<b>Staff:</b>			
Verdia L. Haywood, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Ken Disselkoen, Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS)			<i>Present</i>
Chip Gertzog, Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS)			<i>Present</i>
Ken Garnes, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Ron McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
K. Marie Custode, Department of Systems Management for Human Services			<i>Present</i>

**Guests and Other Attendees:** Dean Klein, Nanette Bowler, Karen Fuentes, Gail Ledford, Kevin Filby, Rosalyn Foroobar, Sarah Allen, Joe Pettit, Takelin Negishi, Terry Godfried.

**Call to order: 7:35 PM**

Donna Fleming called the meeting to order. She noted that Kevin was unable to attend the meeting.

**Comments by Verdia Haywood, Deputy County Executive 7:35 PM – 7:40 PM**

Verdia Haywood, Deputy County Executive indicated that the CRS/DSMHS reorganization was not ready to be presented to the Council or to the Board of Supervisors yet, but would be covered at a later meeting.

**Beeman Initiatives Update 7:40 PM – 8:10 PM**

George Braunstein, Director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, reviewed the PowerPoint presentation entitled “Josiah H. Beeman Commission Implementation Plan: Presentation by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board to the Human Services Committee of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors” from September 29, 2009. The “Josiah H. Beeman Commission Implementation Plan” dated September 2009 was distributed and he indicated that more detailed information was contained within.

**Question and Answer:**

**John Byers:** Will you establish benchmarks along the way to communicate progress?

**Response:** Yes, we will publish a Balanced Scorecard quarterly that will cover a variety of performance indicators.

**Henry Wulf:** What will be 3 major changes that we will see from pre- to post- Beeman? Are there state requirements that restrict you in restructuring the organization?

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**Response:** Services will be less disability-oriented and more based around populations; services will be more holistic, integrating primary care into model – we have a goal that within 5 yrs most of those we serve will have a Primary Care Physician; services will be more driven by the needs of individuals and less by regulatory models; there will be a single front door; and outcomes will be more measureable and the agency more accountable. No, the state is more of a burden due to unfunded mandates and regulations, but I was able to do a similar reorganization in Chesterfield.

**Stephanie:** Will you be expanding who you're serving?

**Response:** We have done so over the years – there will be inclusion of traumatic brain injury, veterans, autism, developmental disabilities in the future. We will have to expand because they are coming in the door with no where else to go.

**Tom Grodek:** Do the populations that were being underserved or had unmet needs feel satisfied that their needs will be met without asking for additional funding?

**Response:** The Board of Supervisors appeared satisfied with the report, but one concern was about access. Many of the issues were addressed by the access center. One of our reorganization efforts is to have a central intake for all disability services with case management directly attached to it. Some staff will have to be moved to the front door, and we will have to look at fee development to diversify funding.

**Stephanie Mensh:** Did the initiatives only include county employees?

**Response:** There was a major outreach to involve consumers, private providers, local government, and other stakeholders.

### **Systems of Care Update: 8:10 – 8:50 PM**

Jim Gillespie, Comprehensive Services Act Program Manager, reviewed the PowerPoint presentation entitled “System of Care Reform Initiative: Human Services Council Briefing” dated November 30, 2009. Jim said that communities around the nation have tried to more effectively address the needs of at-risk children and youth. The goal is to work together across systems, with providers and family members to reduce institutionalization of kids, and reinvest funds to community-based services.

#### **Question and Answer:**

**John Byers:** Aren't group homes for adults only?

**Response:** There are different levels of residential facilities for children, almost all of which are located in other parts of the state.

**Baba Freeman:** I remember how much we have to pay for out of county residential placement being an issue many years ago. This is still a problem?

**Response:** Since early 2008 we have seen some improvements and a steady decrease. There are multiple levels of services even among residential services.

**Baba Freeman:** Could you give us an example of top and bottom ends of the spectrum of these kids?

**Response:** The top would be a youth who is involved with multiple systems and service providers, such as the juvenile court, Department of Family Services, and Child Protective Services, who may be struggling in school, and abusing substances. A generally accepted idea is that the top 5% are using 90% or more of the resources. On the bottom would be a child who may have some behavioral issues in school, and need assistance to connect to services, or engage the family. 35 - 40% of the children served are in the middle, and most are at the lower risk near the bottom.

**Henry Wulf:** Is that funding percentage statistic specific to Fairfax County?

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**Response:** No, the principal is the point, but the exact percentage is a generalization from around the country.

**Tom Grodek:** Is the state match unlimited? Does that include costs across system?

**Response:** Over 90% of funding are legal mandates - you cannot deny a legal child those services – they are sum sufficient. However, the county cannot be spending unlimited dollars on services. No, the costs are for purchase of services, and does not include police time, court time, community costs, etc.

**Richard Berger:** How are kids identified as early as in preschool?

**Response:** Often these are children who have been “expelled” from multiple preschool programs.

**Smart Savings Initiative (SACC): 8:50 – 9:30 PM**

Ann Marie Twohie, Director of the Office for Children, Department of Family Services, reviewed the PowerPoint presentation entitled “School Age Child Care (SACC) Presentation to Smart Savings” dated November 24, 2009.

**Question and Answer:**

**John Byers:** Two of the schools without SACC are in the Mt. Vernon district. Can’t we get a trailer? How much does it cost to add a trailer? What is the county’s portion of the 25% referenced? It should be noted that the \$225,000 is an offset of expenditures, not net revenue.

**Response:** Adding a trailer may be in a future budget. A trailer with a required rest room is approximately 500K, but some of the older schools don’t have the land to put a trailer on. The county’s 25% is 10.6 million.

**Stephanie Mensh:** Someone earning 50K is paying the same as someone earning 250K?

**Response:** Yes.

**Tom Grodek:** The fees are full fare, but that depends on what you are including in the cost.

**Response:** Capital is not included in cost. We can consider whether we could charge a market rate, or a % of market rate if that is higher.

**Carol Hawn:** Is the intent to pilot privatizing SACC?

**Response:** There has been no predetermined outcome.

**Tom Grodek:** Are the staff all limited term?

**Response:** We have primarily full time merit staff as well as some part time, and a few limited term. Most staff work only part of the year, and not in the summer which makes recruitment difficult.

**Henry Wulf:** Even though they are using the gym/cafeteria, there will be capital costs. Are the private providers being charged? It won’t be an apple to apple direct comparison because the space will be different, curriculum different, etc. Of the 2400 on the waiting list, what % are full fee?

**Response:** We will have to examine that, as well as the rate structure of the private providers. We will consider costs and also look at outcome data. We don’t require income data for the waitlist so it would be hard to determine that.

**Other Business: 9:30 PM**

**Approval of Minutes:** The October 19, 2009 meeting minutes were approved with a minor edit.

Next Meetings: December 14, 2009 & January 11, 2010.

“Board Matter Board Goals/Priorities & Budget Development November 16, 2009” was distributed.

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**Adjournment: 9:35 PM**

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