

Human Services Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 2009
Pennino Building, Conference Room 230B

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chairman	<i>Excused</i>	Carol Hawn	<i>Excused</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Excused</i>	Bill Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Richard P. Berger	<i>Excused</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>Present</i>
Donna J. Fleming	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Present</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Excused</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Present</i>	John Niemiec	<i>Excused</i>
Richard Gonzalez	<i>Excused</i>	Dr. Virginia P. Norton	<i>Excused</i>
Tom Grodek	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Staff:			
Verdia L. Haywood, 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>Excused</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>

Other Attendees: Ginny McKernan, Bill Macmillan, Marijke Hannam, George Braunstein, Pat Franckewitz, Nannette M. Bowler, Lynn Crammer, Janet Hubbell, Maggie Scott, Brenda Gardiner, Karen Fuentes, Dean Klein.

Call to order: 7:30 - 7:40 PM

Donna Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. She noted that key cards to access the Government Center parking garage were distributed to the present Council Members. Each member also received an instruction sheet for its use entitled "Human Services Council Government Center P-2 Parking Garage Access".

Verdia Haywood, Deputy County Executive, welcomed Dean Klein to his new position as the Director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness.

FY 2010 Advertised Budget Presentation: 7:40-9:15 PM

Two documents were distributed to Council Members that were updates to the previous versions distributed at the last meeting: "FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan Summary of Proposed Reductions to Human Services" and "Highlights: FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan".

Verdia Haywood, Deputy County Executive, presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled "FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan Analysis" dated March 4, 2009. He noted that the Fairfax-Falls Church Interagency Coordinating Council (FFICC) for early intervention services was missing from the organizational chart. He requested that the Council provide him with feedback on the presentation.

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John Byers: I am concerned about the cuts to the Child Care Assistance and Referral program. Those working poor parents may have to quit work in order to take care of their children. If they go on welfare, it could end up costing even more in public resources. **Response:** This is very concerning; however the stimulus package may provide some assistance in this area.

Stephanie Mensh: Which district is the Annandale Adult Day Health Center located in, and are the adults using the center eligible to go to another site? **Response:** It is located in the Mason District. Adults may use either the Lincolnia or Little River Glen sites where there is sufficient capacity to accommodate them. In addition, they may be able to get there via Fastran.

Laura McDowall: Is the Adult Day Health Center located in the same building as ACCA day care? Will this cut jeopardize the existence of ACCA's programs? **Response:** It is co-located with ACCA Infant and Toddler and ACCA daycare. Although this cut won't impact the site, the CCAR reductions may impact ACCA.

Stephanie Mensh: What will happen to the day laborers if these sites are closed? **Response:** They will still be there, just less organized. It is likely that Supervisors will hear again from the surrounding communities.

Stephanie Mensh: Is there any way to get food stamps to cover the senior center lunch cuts? **Response:** Currently the lunches are provided regardless of income. There is a separate eligibility process for food stamps.

Robert Gaudian: A while back, there was talk about establishing a foundation. What is the status of that? **Response:** We are trying to make existing foundations more effective and enhance fundraising. For the short term, we have instituted Fairfax Cares; however, the long term solution requires a different mechanism, which is probably not a foundation, but rather a new type of organization. We need more resources to be directed at issues in Fairfax County through our nonprofits.

Other Business: 9:15 - 9:30 PM

Update on additional Meetings and the FY2010 HSC Budget Process

Donna Fleming indicated that the direction from the County Executive was that if the Council wanted to recommend restoration of funding to some of the proposed cuts that it would have to propose an alternative reduction in its place. Henry Wulf noted that Dick Berger suggested via email that the Council consider reallocating the penny for affordable housing. It was noted that the BOS would advertise its tax rate on Monday March 9th. If the BOS were to publish an additional tax increase that could provide some additional revenue.

Henry Wulf noted that the two budget testimony meetings on Monday, March 9th and Wednesday, March 11th will be in GC 4 & 5, and will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. He said that a notice went out to encourage the Boards, Authorities and Commissions not to read testimony but rather to dialogue with the Council.

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The Council requested that the original letter sent to the BOS in December be distributed electronically to Council members and Ron McDevitt agreed to do so.

Henry Wulf inquired about the \$750,000 cut indicated on page 24-25 which was still in discussion. Ron McDevitt clarified that the programs highlighted were not to be completely eliminated; however the County Executive tasked them to come up with specific cuts in those areas, which should be available next week.

The Council approved the minutes from the February 23rd meeting without any revisions.

9:30 PM: Adjournment

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