

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2013
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Rick Gonzalez	<i>Absent</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Carol Ann Hawn	<i>Excused</i>
Richard P. Berger	<i>Present</i>	Myra Herbert	<i>Excused</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Present</i>	William Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Kenneth (Mark) Deal	<i>Excused</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Excused</i>
David Dunlap	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Gerald V. Poje	<i>Present</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Excused</i>	Tessie Wilson	<i>Present</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Excused</i>		
Staff:			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
M. Gail Ledford, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Brenda Gardiner, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Ronald McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>

Guests: Mary Agee, Jewell Mikula, Shannon Steene, Joe Pettit, Gordon Dean, Kathy Wellington, Herb Janos, Lynn MacDonald, Ann Zuvekas, Chris Leonard, Ann Marie Twohie, Marlene Blum, Rose Chu, Dr. Michael Trahos. **County staff:** Dean Klein, Juani Diaz, Nanette Bowler, Kevin Filbey, Bob Eiffert, George Braunstein, Barbara Antley, Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Robert Easley, Ina Fernandez, Jesse Ellis, Michelle Gregory, Ros Foroobar.

7:10 p.m. - Welcome and Overview Kevin Bell, Chairman of the Fairfax County Human Services Council, introduced the meeting agenda. The meeting is the second of three scheduled events to discuss trends, outcomes, responses, priorities and requirements for the human services system. Individuals present introduced themselves.

Consolidated Community Funding Pool Update – Stephanie Mensh of the Council reported on stakeholder discussions groups. A steering committee meeting was held on December 11th; subsequent meeting scheduled for January 22nd. Cost of audits for small nonprofits was discussed.

Discussion of Budget committee questions to Boards and FY 2014 Budget Review Process

Gail Ledford introduced two resource documents prepared for the Council to review the existing human services system, information to assess the resources available to the system, and key budget drivers of the system. Documents prepared for the council were distributed: *Trends, Factors, and Emerging Needs Impacting Services and Resource Allocation: Presentations by Human Services Departments for Fiscal Year 2013 & Fiscal Year 2014*; and *Trends, Factors, and Emerging Needs Impacting Services and Resource Allocation: Information Provided to the Human Services Council Organized by Six Result Areas*. The information contained in the documents is intended to assist the Human Services Council, other human services-related Boards, Authorities, and Commissions, interested community stakeholders, and the county staff and partners in understanding factors affecting service delivery. The documents contain highlights of trends and drivers most affecting the system. (Note: documents are posted at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscouncil/trends_factors_by_dept.pdf.)

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Department Directors reviewed their respective department budget “trends and drivers” with the council. Points raised during discussion with directors and council members:

- Documents highlight primary drivers, not all drivers
- Autism inclusion model important new strategy
- Basic needs call volume up – need is higher
- 10% of county child population living in poverty
- Electronic health records and integrated models for health care – new emphasis across system
- Release of advertised budget will include trends data
- Serious mental illness showing up in juvenile justice population
- Increased need for housing for persons with disabilities
- Budget shortfall may result in shifting resources to cover priorities
- Saturday session with boards and advisory groups: Need to discuss how system serves clients, and the entire system may be impacted by budget reductions in areas that complement and are interdependent for success
- Need for partnerships
- Concern about numbers of low income seniors in need of housing, but not enough affordable units available
- FCHRA: 7000 units available, but need is for 28,000 units – translates to 1 in 4 can be served
- Moving to work agency designation allows increased flexibility in use of federal funding (THRIVE initiative)
- Retooling of shelter and housing first approaches necessary
- Annual income needed for a 2 bedroom apartment in Fairfax County is \$60,000
- 355 chronic homeless identified in Fairfax County
- Adult services – achieved cumulative savings of \$6.2 million, but in future years (beyond FY 2014), the growth and demand for services will exceed current baseline allocated for in home supports to seniors.
- Affordable child care: wait list of 3000 children; policy concern : loss of child care after 3 weeks into a job loss
- Themes: age wave, diversity of community, growth in autism diagnoses, economic conditions, population growth, mandates and requirements that are not adequately funded.
- State funding is a key driver: examples: Medicaid expansion; Early intervention full funding, matching funds for adequate baseline funding.

Members made the following observations:

- Foreign language resource requirements – what impact to budget and how is it accounted for?
- Aging population and assisted housing needs – major concern
- Concern for seniors – trends and requirements for system for next 20 years
- Family stability – impact of move from assisted housing into independence – ties to neighborhood and supports
- Difficulty in identifying the cumulative impact of budget reductions over the years to human services system
- Need for resources to be posted on county web site and made accessible and in searchable/readable formats
- Strategies to build affordability into housing strategies – home ownership, distribution of housing equitably across the need areas and the contribution from the community that is needed to develop and sustain it
- Services to support individuals moving toward self-sufficiency, and the corresponding resource requirements for DFS, OPEH, Housing, to support pathways to housing independence
- Growth in population and impact over time
- Effective service delivery strategies are critical with diminishing resources
- Description needed on the depth, quality and use of contract services as a service delivery strategy
- Staff retention and recruitment – does the county have the right workforce?
- Role of county school system and resources allocated –relationship with human services and fundamental responses to families in crisis or in need of services

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Council Role in Advising the Board of Supervisors on the county FY 2014 Budget

The Council discussed various strategies to obtain information from boards, authorities and commissions, and ways in which to identify a format for presenting information. The Council suggested continued discussion and use of the system-wide “results based” framework. The group discussed the January 26, 2013 advisory group and community leader meeting. A draft agenda was presented and discussed. The group reviewed information gathering strategies, including a draft survey tool to identify priorities for service delivery and capacity. Questions to generate community dialogue were discussed. The Council emphasized development of informal communication strategies as one way of building community education and networking opportunities.

Announcements: Upcoming meetings were announced:

1. Board of Supervisors Human Services Committee – January 22, 2013
2. Saturday, January 26, 2013 - 9 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center auditorium - Joint meeting of human services related Boards, Authorities and Commissions and community leaders

Adjournment: The Human Services Council meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.