

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2012
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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>Present</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Present</i>	William Kogler	<i>Excused</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Excused</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Kenneth (Mark) Deal	<i>Present</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Excused</i>
David Dunlap	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Gerald V. Poje	<i>Present</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Present</i>	Tessie Wilson	<i>Excused</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Present</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 and Other Attendees: Karla Bruce, Laura Yager, George Braunstein, Rosalyn Foroobar, Robert Easley.

7: 36 p.m. - Call to Order

Recognition of John Byers – Henry Wulf presented a draft resolution recognizing Mr. Byers. Baba Freeman moved approval, Jerry Poje seconded motion. Council members voted unanimously to approve by voice vote. Staff was directed to send a copy of the resolution with note of condolence to Mr. Byers’ family. Information on burial ceremony, to be held in November, will be forwarded to members. In recognition and memory, Council members interested are requested to submit monetary contributions to Henry Wulf in memory of Mr. Byers; all contributions will benefit United Community Ministries, a nonprofit that serves south county residents. The Council requested that acknowledgement of John’s passing and appreciation of his many contributions to the County be posted on the Council’s web site.

7:40 p.m. Presentation

Redefining a County-wide System of Prevention - County staff Laura Yager, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, and Karla Bruce, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services presented “Redefining a County-wide System of Prevention”. Included in their presentation was a powerpoint and a diagram describing “Prevention in Fairfax County: The Current Situation”.

The Council discussed various education and community activities, and approaches to advance prevention strategies within the community. The group discussed the importance of outcomes and analysis. Levels of prevention interventions include: changing individual behaviors; engaging partners in mobilizing the community; provider education to increase access to prevention services; policy work and shifting resources; and reviewing impact of services and strategies for both adults and children.

Priority issues discussed include the Healthy People 2020 efforts and advocacy areas. The Council discussed the need to assist in communication and in organizational alignment to these goals. Grant opportunities were discussed. Advisory groups are requested to provide information and communication about existing resources, and various opportunities to leverage available funding for system-wide impact.

The group discussed the impact of the FY 2014 budget on services delivery. The human services programs are developing a conceptual design for prevention programming across county departments. The work is supporting recommendations that were

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partially outlined in the CSB work plan. Within 3 months, strategies will be presented to the Board of Supervisors Human Services Committee (January/February timeframe).

Pat Harrison referenced the need for new approaches to prevention. What are the objectives and success factors? Internally, the human services directors have to share resources when budgets are tight. Pressure is on our own system to change. The Council, other boards and commissions, and the community connect to investment in the community. Prevention is a priority strategy across the six cross-cutting results areas. Council members referenced the work of the Partnership for Youth and policy efforts within that group. Pat emphasized the need to have all strategies be connected to assure a seamless services system, with distinct population needs and specific needs identified so that resources and attention can be applied.

Missions and goals of the outcomes will be defined; strategies will be designed through small group efforts. Next steps will include how they will be made operational. The group asked what the ongoing level of support is for prevention....limited investment, for example through federal block grants, when there is limited public support. The policy has to support collaboration across the system.

The group discussed the "St. Mary's clinic model" and the total investment in that system of care. Henry Wulf mentioned needing to convince the BOS of the long term benefits of prevention. Jennifer Bishop noted that education with advocacy groups is part of the effort as well. Creating success at prevention saves money and allows redirection of resources to address gaps elsewhere in system. Jerry Poje referenced the need to develop recognition, response, reward strategies to encourage prevention focus.

Committee updates

Executive Committee – Meeting notes were distributed. Copies of handouts from the last Board of Supervisors Human Services Committee meeting were distributed. ("Vision 2015: Health Services Integration Strategic Action Plan – report from the Fairfax County Health Reform Implementation Task Force" and "Update: Restoring Fiscal Stability for the Fairfax- Falls Church Community Services Board"; and "School Readiness".)

Budget Committee – Henry Wulf reported on the meeting of October 5, 2012. The group will develop strategies for the Council's consideration at the November Council meeting.

By Laws Committee – Brenda Gardiner reported that Carol Hawn requested council members to provide any input/concerns to Carol for committee consideration. Members of the committee include Mark Deal and Myra Herbert.

Community Education and Outreach Committee – Bob Gaudian reported on progress related to volunteer recognition and upcoming briefing by Public Schools coordinator on community idea for high school lettering program.

Policy Committee - Jerry Poje reported on the committee meeting held on October 3. (See handout). He referenced the need to ensure that all areas can't be covered simultaneously without leveraging communications strategies within the council. The group was encouraged to think about the deus ex machina strategy for seemingly unsolvable problems. A tour of the north county facilities is set for interested Council members for October 29th, from 2-4- p.m. (NOTE for record: this tour was cancelled as a result of Hurricane Sandy; to be rescheduled at later date.)

New Business: none

Announcements: Reminder of upcoming community forums – "Working Together to Make A Measurable Difference":

October 22 – Government Center

October 29 – Reston Community Center

November 1 - South County Center

November 2 - McLean Community Center

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Upcoming Council meetings:

November 19th, 2012 – Human Services Council monthly meeting – note updated schedule

December 10th, 2012 – Human Services Council monthly meeting

January 14th, 2013 – Human Services Council monthly meeting

February 11th, 2013- Report on progress of CSB Budget Management Plan

Adjournment: The Human Services Council meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.