

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, June 20, 2011
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| MEMBER NAME | | MEMBER NAME | |
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| Kevin H. Bell, Chair | <i>Present</i> | Richard Gonzalez | <i>Present</i> |
| Colonel Marion Barnwell | <i>Present</i> | Carol Ann Hawn | <i>Present</i> |
| Richard P. Berger | <i>Present</i> | Myra Herbert | <i>Present</i> |
| Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop | <i>Present</i> | William Kogler | <i>Excused</i> |
| Wendy Breseman | <i>Present</i> | Stephanie Mensh | <i>Excused</i> |
| John R. Byers | <i>Present</i> | Kathleen Murphy | <i>Excused</i> |
| Robert L. Faherty | <i>Excused</i> | Dr. Virginia P. Norton | <i>Excused</i> |
| Donna J. Fleming, Vice Chair | <i>Present</i> | Dr. Gerald V. Poje | <i>Present</i> |
| Baba Freeman | <i>Excused</i> | Herbert James Smith | <i>Not Present</i> |
| Robert Gaudian | <i>Present</i> | Henry Wulf | <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: Nannette Bowler; George Braunstein; Lynne Crammer; Jesse Ellis; Christopher Leonard; and Tania Hossain and Cherie Tripp Lejeune, representing the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

7:35 PM

Call to Order

Kevin Bell, Chair of the Human Services Council, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

The group recognized Gerald V. Poje, Ph.D., appointed by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins as the representative of the Hunter Mill District to the Human Services Council. The appointment was effective March 29, 2011. Dr. Poje introduced himself and provided an overview of his interests and expectations as a member of the council.

7:50 – 8:15 PM

Presentation on CDC/PPACA Community Transformation Grant

Jesse Ellis of the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services presented information on the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant notice of funding availability for Community Transformation Grants. Funding is available for up to 5 years, beginning September 2011, ranging from minimum of \$50,000 - \$500,000 for the first year. Applications are due by July 15, 2011. With Board of Supervisors approval, the County will submit a cross system grant application involving community partners and the Fairfax County Public Schools. The grant application will propose building community capacity to establish/strengthen multi-sectoral change through existing partnerships including the Partnership for a Healthy Fairfax. Building on the current MAPP processes and other community initiatives, the grant would allow further work to establish the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax as a single, established coalition – with linkages to other stakeholder groups and advisory councils – to recommend

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policy, governmental changes and to advocate for and oversee effective policy, systems, and environmental change. Components would also include training for County staff and community stakeholders in health, social determinants, and policy, systems and environmental changes. The grant would also focus on methods to engage populations experiencing health disparities and to identify develop specific measures, indicators and data collection and analysis mechanisms. For more information, the Council was directed to www.cdc.gov/communitytransformation/index.htm or Jesse Ellis at jesse.ellis@fairfaxcounty.gov.

8:10 – 8:40 PM

Transition and Agenda Setting for the Human Services Council—Fiscal Year 2012

Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison initiated the kick-off for the Human Services Council planning process and first phase for obtaining feedback from key stakeholders over the next 2-3 months. The council members conducted a group discussion on the overall need and approach. Brenda Gardiner provided the Council with initial work of the Executive Committee and staff on proposed strategies to obtain structured feedback from stakeholders. The suggested stakeholders identified include:

- Board of Supervisors
- HSC Council members
- Boards, Authorities, Commissions advising human services programs and departments
- Deputy County Executive – as executive sponsor
- Health/human services agency directors
- Regional representatives (cities Falls Church/Fairfax)
- Community – partners in service provision, business community, faith sector, residents

A draft set of questions for HSC members was distributed for review and comment. In addition, staff provided initial feedback from Deputy Harrison on possible priority roles for the HSC. (see handout)

Staff has begun initial research of other jurisdictions – interesting features of Human Services commissions/cross cutting community advisory bodies in various localities. Information will be shared as it is compiled.

The council charged the Executive Committee with completion of the survey to members on roles, responsibilities, meeting calendars, ways to organize the work of the Council, and various logistics around collaborative work within the council. The Executive Committee will advertise its next meeting for any interested council member on finalizing the items on the internal council survey.

HS Communications strategies

Council members discussed various opportunities for improving internal member communications and enhancing information sharing and feedback opportunities with the community at large. Strategies noted included updating the content of the Human Services Council web pages on a regular basis. IT was noted that the content was in need of updating, particularly for contact information for general inquiries. A new collaboration tool was discussed that will allow members to share documents and resource materials. An

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updated email distribution list and address listing was circulated.

Chairman Bell acknowledged guests in the audience who are members of the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations. They commented on the need for the HSC members to engage the public through use of technology and that they are available to provide assistance in communications with the public on items of interest to citizens on the human services system.

8:55 – 9:15 PM
Other Business

Agenda Planning

Tentative agenda items for upcoming Council meetings were noted:

July 18, 2011 – County legislative package and Health/Human services areas of interest (staff presentation by Dr. Susan E. Mittereder, Director, Fairfax County Intergovernmental Relations and Sue Rowland, SR Consulting) - *invited*

TBA: Supervisor Hudgins and Chairman Bulova (to be invited to discuss HSC role/purpose with members)

August – tentative proposal - no meeting

September 19, 2011 – presentation on County IMPACT program (Office of Partnerships staff); nonprofit funding/CCFP process (DNCS staff)

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 25, 2011 meeting were approved.

Adjournment: The Human Services Council meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.