



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 26, 2010

TO: Human Services Boards, Authorities, and Commissions
Community Nonprofit Organizations
Human Services Leadership Team

FROM: Henry Wulf, Chair, Budget Committee
Human Services Council

SUBJECT: Human Services Council Review of FY 2011 Advertised Budget

The County Executive has released the FY 2011 Advertised Budget. The Council will be preparing feedback on these potential reductions for the Board of Supervisors prior to the FY 2011 budget being adopted. As in prior years, we would like to invite your group to share your perspective on the budget proposed by the County Executive.

Two Scheduled Meetings for Oral Presentations

We have scheduled two meetings to receive oral presentations on the reductions proposed in the 2011 Advertised Budget.

- Monday, March 15, 2010, at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Rooms 4 & 5, from 8:45 to 9:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Rooms 4 & 5, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

We will do our best to accommodate your request for dates and will schedule speakers on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Maggie Scott (contact information below) no later than Thursday, March 11, to arrange a speaking time slot.

Because of the expected number of oral presentations, we are limiting each group to five minutes. The Council strongly advises you to provide supplemental written information with your presentation so we can fully understand the impact of reductions. Please bring 45 copies of any written material for distribution.

Written Presentations Encouraged

The HSC strongly encourages your group to supplement any presentation with as much written explanation as you want. You may also submit a written statement in lieu of an oral presentation. The HSC will consider all written information received by Friday, March 19. Send or e-mail written statements to the address listed below.

Human Services Council

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Guidelines for Presentations

In order to help the Council sort through the massive amount of information and help make your oral and written presentations effective, we offer the following guidelines:

- Be aware that the HSC members will receive a full briefing on reductions and will have the opportunity to make additional inquiries about the possible reductions.
- Because each time slot is so limited, we recommend that one person make the majority of the presentation. We do encourage BACs to partner with Human Services Department Directors in preparing written, data-oriented, summaries of reduction impacts (estimated clients who will not be served, caseload increases, service programs and components of programs that will be reduced or eliminated, waiting list increases, estimated service delays, etc.). These written summaries will be critical to the Council in preparing its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Objective impact data is some of the most significant information you can provide to the HSC to help strengthen the Council's message to the Board.
- Please focus your presentation on those reductions proposed which your board or organization thinks would be most harmful to the community and to the system of human services the County has developed over the years.
- The HSC recognizes that all the reduction options have significant negative impact. We are seeking your perspective on those that will be "the worst" for the community and which should be avoided at all cost.
- The Council will also be interested in your perspective as to why a particular reduction falls into this category.
- Because of the seriousness of the County's financial position for FY 2011, we would also be interested in your perspective on potential alternative reductions in human services which may be taken in lieu of reductions that you feel would be "the worst" for the community.

Contact for Arrangements

To arrange a time to speak or to submit written information, please email Maggie Scott at Maggie.Scott@fairfaxcounty.gov or call her at (703) 324-7283 or TTY 711. The mailing address for written materials is:

Human Services Council c/o Maggie Scott
Department of Systems Management for Human Services
12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 222
Fairfax, VA 22035

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We look forward to hearing from you and working together with your group.

cc: Human Services Council
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive