



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 23, 2009

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 2010 Advertised Budget

The County Executive has released the FY 2010 Advertised Budget. As a follow-up to our extensive review of potential reductions by "Lines of Business" (LOBS) this past fall, we now invite your group to share your perspective on actual budget proposed by the County Executive. The Council will be preparing feedback on these potential reductions for the Board of Supervisors prior to the FY 2010 budget being adopted.

Two Scheduled Meetings for Oral Presentations

We have scheduled two meetings to receive oral presentations on the actual reductions proposed in the 2010 Advertised Budget, each starting at 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, March 9, 2009 at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Rooms 4 & 5
- Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Rooms 4 & 5

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 5th to arrange a speaking time slot.

Because of the expected volume of oral presentation, we are limiting each group to five minutes. It is necessary to limit each Board and organization to a single 5 minute time slot. Supplemental written information is strongly encouraged and will be essential for the Council's full understanding of the impact of the actual reductions taken. 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 27th. Send or e-mail written statements to the address listed below.

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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 have received a full briefing on reduction options and have had the opportunity to make additional inquiries about the possible reductions. The Council will have already received information about what potential reductions were and were not taken.
- Because each time slot is so limited, we suggest strongly that one person make the majority of the presentation. We do encourage BACs to partner with Human Service 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 that can be provided to the HSC to help strengthen the Council's message to the Board.
- Please focus your presentation on those reductions actually 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.
- In presenting this "most harmful" reduction list, it would be most helpful to the Council if you would reference the Agency LOB Number as included in the Advertised Budget.

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 (703) 324-5628. 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

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination in all county programs, services, and activities. Special accommodations and/or alternative information formats will be provided upon request. For assistance, please contact Maggie Scott as indicated above. We sincerely appreciate adequate notice so that we may have the time to properly arrange special accommodations or alternative formats.

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

cc: Human Services Council
Verdia L. Haywood, Deputy County Executive