



# Fairfax County Human Services Council

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## MEETING AGENDA

May 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
Fairfax County Government Center  
Conference Room 11

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| <b>I. Call to Order and Introductions</b>        | Michele Menapace, Chair                        |
| <b>II. Approval of April Meeting Minutes</b>     | Michele Menapace, Chair                        |
| <b>III. Monthly HHS Update</b>                   | Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for HHS |
| <b>IV. Next Stakeholder Engagement Event</b>     | HSC Members                                    |
| <b>V. Extreme Heat Response</b>                  | Jill Clark, HHS Policy & Planning Manager      |
| <b>VI. Chair's Items</b>                         | Michele Menapace, Chair                        |
| a. Update to Bylaws                              |  |
| b. FY 2025 Meeting Schedule/All-Virtual Meetings |  |
| <b>VII. Member Sharing</b>                       | HSC Members                                    |
| <b>VIII. Recognition of Sarah Allen</b>          | Michele Menapace, Chair                        |
| <b>IX. Adjourn</b>                               | Michele Menapace, Chair                        |

**Next HSC Meeting: June 17, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Government Center in  
Conference Room 11**

**Fairfax County Human Services Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2024 at 7 p.m.**  
**Fairfax County Government Center Room 11**

**HSC Members Present:** Kevin Bell (At-Large), Barbara Broman (Mt. Vernon), Jane Edmondson (Dranesville), Robert Faherty (Franconia), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Steven Lam (Springfield), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Maria Posey (Braddock), Manolya Tanyu (Braddock), and Paul Thomas (Vice Chair/Hunter Mill).

**HSC Members Participating Remotely:** Michele Menapace (Chair/Franconia), and Martin Machowsky (At-Large) were unable to physically attend the meeting and participated virtually. Remote meeting attendees provided their locations and reason for needing to attend remotely.

**HSC Members Absent:** William Kogler (Springfield),

**Staff Present:** Sarah Allen (Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Jill Clark (NCS), and Viola Coleman (NCS).

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The March 18, 2024, meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Bell moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion was carried.

**Public Comment:** Mary Ottinot shared her concerns about the behavioral health system.

**Health and Human Services Monthly Update:** Sarah Allen, Deputy Director, Neighborhood and Community Services, provided the monthly updates on behalf of HHS Deputy County Executive Chris Leonard. Allen reported that the budget hearings are this week. She reminded members of the recent Board memo (i.e. NIP) that was sent earlier regarding eviction prevention follow-up from the Board of Supervisors Housing Committee meeting. She also noted that there will be a Budget Policy Committee on April 26 for budget mark-up and the Older Adults Committee will meet on May 14.

**FY 2025 Budget Letter Approval:** The draft FY 2025 budget letter was presented for approval by Thomas, HSC Budget Committee chair. There was discussion about investments in affordable housing and mental health, as well as the additional state funding needed to adequately fund the schools. Poje moved to approve the letter and was seconded by Bell. The motion was carried.

**Next Steps on HHS Partner Collaboration:** There was discussion about having partner collaboration as a standing topic each month or possibly under member sharing. Members also discussed additional ways to engage the other HHS boards, authorities, and commissions (BACs) partners to present at future meetings. In addition, there was discussion about having targeted engagement around specific topics that were identified at the March summit.

**2024 General Assembly Update:** Clark reported that the General Assembly will have its reconvened session on April 17. There were an unprecedented number of vetoes and budget amendments made by Governor Youngkin. In particular, the budget amendment that removed the additional WMATA funding may have significant impacts on the County budget. Clark reminded the Council that legislation passed that will enable public bodies like HSC to increase its all-virtual meetings from 25% to 50%.

**Member Sharing:** Poje reported that the [Affordable Housing Advisory Council](#) meeting took place on April 5 with a report from Delegate Sullivan and a discussion on the Housing Choice Voucher payment standards. Three-hundred permanent supportive housing vouchers have been made possible through the partnership of the [Department of Housing and Community Development](#) and the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. A Fair Housing Symposium is scheduled for April 25. Broman will share the [Health Care Advisory Board](#) budget letter, which describes each of their initiatives. Thomas reported that the [Successful Children & Youth Policy Team](#) will be meeting this week and will focus on student absenteeism and the Equity Implementation Plan. Menapace reported that the [Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee](#) met with the Funding Pool Selection Advisory Committee chairs to review applicant recommendations. The final list will go to the Board soon.

**Adjournment:** Vice Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

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