

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy
Conference Room 9/10
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Meeting Notes

CCFAC Members Present: Jim Edwards-Hewitt (chair), Dick Kennedy (vice-chair), Marlene Blum, Judy Farabaugh, Michele (Cookie) Hymer-Blitz, Michele Menapace and Ann Zuvekas

Inter-Agency Staff Present: Beverly Moses, Laura Lazo, Katie Strotman and Sara Brinkmoeller

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman J. Edwards-Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 9, 2018 MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes were approved with motion by J. Farabaugh and the second by M. Menapace.

A. Zuvekas reported that the notice about the opportunities for public comment on the Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2019 received by some nonprofits did not include the time and place of the public hearing. B. Moses responded that the notice will be resent.

UPDATE ON THE CCFP WORK GROUP

K. Strotman gave a report about the work being done by the group and distributed the Scope of Work and the June 20, 2017 Board item entitled, "Approval of the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee Recommendations for the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Funding Priorities for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool". There are plans to update Supervisors to clarify the contents of the Board item with respect to the description of priority setting.

M. Blum expressed concerns that the Board item inaccurately described the CCFAC priority setting process and thereby created confusion among the Supervisors, which led to the Board of Supervisors' request for a review of the CCFP priority setting process and the CCFAC. The description of the CCFAC's role in priority setting is inaccurate because it does not explain that staff had informed the CCFAC that the Supervisors wanted the CCFP priorities to be more aligned with those of the County's health and human services. The item creates the impression that the CCFAC rejected staff recommendations and acted on its own. The CCFAC was also not informed that several Supervisors wanted to meet with the CCFAC. M. Blum requested action to correct the inaccuracies.

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K. Strotman responded that follow up will be done through the work group, including arrangement of a meeting with one or more Supervisors. An information package will be assembled to remind the Board about the role of the CCFAC and the outcomes of the steering committee process. M. Menapace and D. Kennedy shared ideas as to what documents to include in the information package. CCFAC consensus to provide the Board with more information.

M. Blum stated that CCFAC membership is peripheral to the CCFP. Michele M. stated it is reasonable to look at CCFAC membership and how it operates because given the current number of members, it is sometimes challenging to obtain a quorum. CCFAC discussion that ultimately it is the responsibility of the Deputy County Executive to recruit new members and decide which groups should be represented. However, the CCFAC also should work to make it easier to add new members, who could be intimidated by the institutional knowledge of older members.

A. Zuvekas expressed concerns that the work group is County staff dominated, when the topic is a citizen function. M. Blum expressed disappointment that it seemed the first meeting had been set after polling staff but the CCFAC representatives had been given only one week notice. The second meeting date of March 16th also conflicts with an AHAC meeting. A. Zuvekas requested that a different date be selected. J. Edwards-Hewitt suggested that the meetings of the work group be made public so that any CCFAC member can attend. M. Menapace mentioned it may be more time efficient to have the existing workgroup bring recommendations to the full CCFAC for discussion. K. Strotman will explore what options are available regarding the work group and report back to the CCFAC.

UPDATE ON THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESOURCE PLAN

M. Menapace reported on the Fairfax County Health and Human Services FY 2019-2021 Resource Plan that was drafted by staff and the Human Services Council. The Plan is based on needs assessment data and trends in health and human services, and identifies the additional staff and resources needed above current levels for each assessment category.

A. Zuvekas requested that it be printed in a font that is more legible for persons with vision impairment. M. Hymer-Blitz mentioned accessibility to County documents is extremely important.

INFORMATION FROM APPOINTING ORGANIZATIONS

M. Hymer-Blitz reported that HR 620 will go to the House for vote tomorrow. It is intended to reduce frivolous law suits claiming ADA violations, but could have a dampening impact on enforcement efforts.

M. Blum reported that the Health Care Advisory Board received various reports, including reports on the opioid crisis and INOVA agreements.

A. Zuvekas reported that the Alliance for Human Services is working on the budget.

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OTHER BUSINESS

L. Lazo reported that authorization to participate in CCFAC meetings by telephone has to be addressed by an amendment to the Bylaws. She distributed copies of Va. Code § 2.2-3708.1 and a draft amendment of the CCFAC Bylaws prepared by an Assistant County Attorney. The CCFAC can discuss the draft amendment at the next CCFAC meeting and make any necessary edits.

L. Lazo also reminded the CCFAC that they had decided not to vote on an amendment to reduce the number of CCFAC meetings pending any potential guidance from the new County Executive and Deputy County Executive.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Next CCFAC Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9/10