

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Pkwy, Conference Room 9/10

Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Meeting Summary

CCFAC Members Present: Michele Menapace (Chair), Marlene Blum (Vice-Chair), Kofi Annan, Thomas Bash, Karla Bruce, Melanie Bush, Jim Edwards-Hewitt, Mike Finkle, Mary Ann Floto, Cristy Gallagher, Cookie Hymer-Blitz, Dick Kennedy, Jane Plum and Ann Zuvekas.

Inter-Agency Staff Present: Michelle Brizzi (DPMM), Dawn Hyman (NCS), Andrew Janos (DPMM), Laura Lazo (HCD), Beverly Moses (HCD), Katie Strotman (NCS) and Lori Wymore-Kirkland (JDRDC).

Others Present: Doris Ray (ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Menapace.

Approval of March 12, 2019 Meeting Notes

The March 12, 2019 meeting summary was approved unanimously.

Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) Draft Categories for FY 2021-2022

K. Strotman reported that the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to review the draft CCFP categories in May. The Board is expected to approve the document in June.

D. Hyman reported that all of the feedback that was received in March already had been incorporated into the draft categories with the exception of that provided by D. Ray on behalf of the ENDependence Center. Based on Ms. Ray's feedback, revisions were made to the "Service Examples" on page 4, under the "LITERACY/EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ATTAINMENT" category.

Chairman Menapace also reported that Supervisor Herrity questioned whether the categories should be prioritized. However, after further discussion from Supervisor Herrity and the other Supervisors, the Board consensus was that the categories should not be prioritized.

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Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2020 Update

B. Moses reported that there were a limited number of substantive revisions made to the draft One-Year Action Plan for FY 2020 since the document was reviewed by the CCFAC at the meeting on January 8, 2019. Staff distributed a summary of the “Substantive Revisions to the Draft One-Year Action Plan for FY 2020 since the January Meeting of the CCFAC.

The CCFAC voted and unanimously authorized staff to update federal funding allocations in the draft One-Year Action Plan for FY 2020 upon the receipt of the HUD notification of the actual federal funding allocations and to present the updated document to the Board for final approval.

Countywide Strategic Plan Update

L. Lazo reported that the “Countywide Strategic Planning Update & Recommendation” summarizes the planning process, community input received and the timeline for adoption and implementation. A summary of the current process progress also is posted on the county website. The plan identifies nine key themes of priority, including five cross-cutting themes that are applicable to each of the priorities. L. Lazo also notified CCFAC members of the opportunity to subscribe on the county website to receive electronic progress updates on the strategic plan process. She reported that the remaining timeline is as follows:

April – October 2019	Plan Developed by Strategy Team
October – December 2019	Plan Finalized
January 2020 & beyond	Plan presented to the Board, Community & Key Stakeholders

K. Bruce explained that the planning for community outreach methods included the anticipation that there would be a need to get feedback from some population sectors by methods in addition to the electronic survey. For example, there was targeted outreach in neighborhoods. In addition, no additional weight was given to the input received from surveys than to the input received from other methods.

Chairman Menapace also reported that the analysis of the input includes analysis of the sources of the input. She encouraged each CCFAC member to sign up to receive the updates.

Information from Appointing Organizations

J. Edwards-Hewitt reported that the Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) is discussing the countywide strategic plan and the planned FY 2020 budget testimony. The CAAB is relatively pleased with the County Executive’s proposed budget and plans to comment with a “yes but” response.

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D. Kennedy reported that the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA) is pleased with the recommendation that affordable housing funding be increased in future years. However, advocates will nevertheless push for increased funding for affordable housing in this budget.

K. Annan reported that he testified on behalf of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and advocated that affordable housing funding should be increased in the budget. The plans for future increases are good but are not enough. The arrival of Amazon in Arlington has provided an impetus for increased community involvement in the affordable housing issue.

M. Menapace reported that the Fairfax County Human Services Council (HSC) submitted budget recommendations to the Board Health, Housing and Human Services Committee. The HSC took a similar approach as that planned by the CAAB and one of the first issues addressed was housing. Another issue is that the new information technology system is going to be a critical tool.

M. Blum reported that the Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services (AHS) has submitted written testimony on the budget as well as met with most of the Board of Supervisors individually. The AHS supports the Affordable Housing Resource Plan and budget guidance for next year. The AHS also is hopeful that something will be done to increase affordable housing funding in this budget.

M. Finkle reported that the Office to Prevent and Homelessness is interested in the provision of housing subsidies that are more flexible than the Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) and other subsidies that are currently available.

C. Gallagher, representing Youth Serving Community, reported that the budgeted increases for mental health crisis services will be very beneficial to youth.

Other Business

Guest D. Ray, representative of the ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia, commented that Bridging Affordability is a great program. She shared that Arlington County has a "Housing Grant" that is a flexible housing subsidy that is provided when HCVs are not available. The flexible subsidy is used with all kinds of landlords and enables tenants to obtain housing in more mixed income multifamily properties. She stated that she had always wondered why Fairfax County did not offer a similar flexible housing subsidy. She recognized that Fairfax County is funding many other housing activities that are very helpful to ENDependence Center clients in need of accessible housing.

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Chairman Menapace announced that Judy Farabaugh and Ann Zuvekas' terms on CCFAC are ending. The chairman presented Ann with a letter of appreciation and certificate from the County Executive and expressed appreciation on behalf of the CCFAC for Ann's service on the CCFAC since it began in 1998. CCFAC members and staff also expressed appreciation for Ann's many years of service and contribution. Judy's letter of appreciation and certificate from the County Executive will be mailed to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9/10