

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

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

Meeting Notes

CCFAC Members Present: Marlene Blum (Vice-Chair), Thomas Bash, Karla Bruce, Fazia Deen, Mike Finkle, Mary Ann Floto, Michele (Cookie) Hymer-Blitz, Richard (Dick) Kennedy, and Ann Zuvekas.

Inter-Agency Staff Present: Michelle Brizzi (DAHS), Jenny Hsu (HCD), Andrew Janos (DPMM), Beverly Moses (HCD), and Katie Strotman (NCS).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by M. Blum.

Approval of November 13, 2018 Meeting Notes

The November 13, 2018 meeting notes were approved on the motion of M. Blum and seconded by M. Hymer-Blitz.

CCFAC Member Introductions

For the benefit of new CCFAC members, each CCFAC member introduced themselves to the group and provided a quick summary of their professional background.

Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development

J. Hsu reported on the CCFAC Public Needs Hearing that was held on November 13th which had more speakers compared to the prior year's hearing. Testimonies were summarized in the "CCFAC Public Needs Hearing Summary of Public Comments" document. F. Deen noted that, as a new member, the printed testimonials really helped her learn the issues.

M. Blum shared that many of the testimonies emphasized schools and the role of geography were present in many of the needs hearing testimonies. This is an issue that CCFAC has not yet wrestled with and is worth suggesting to the Priority Setting group to consider this issue when they meet.

M. Brizzi asked members if there were any questions regarding the "Response to Herndon Reston Fish Commentary" document drafted by inter-agency staff. R. Kennedy stated that the original reason for requesting this staff response was due to their testimony suggesting the CCFP priorities caused insufficient emergency services to be funded in Region 3. After further

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discussion with M. Menapace, R. Kennedy found this was not the case; and how well applicants respond to each criterion is what determines an organization's passing score. Additionally, if an organization is so dependent on CCFP funding to operate, this raises questions that are outside of the CCFAC's authority. K. Bruce suggested that FISH's testimony could be an opportunity for CCFAC to raise this question to the County and ask the County to address it. M. Hymer-Blitz pointed out that CCFP applicants were not "defunded," instead they failed to obtain funding in the current cycle. Nonprofits understand that they cannot depend on only one source of funding, and layering funds supports growth and self-sufficiency.

WAG Update

R. Kennedy (WAG Chair) reported on the Working Advisory Group (WAG) meeting on November 27, 2018, where the development of the annual Action Plan begins with the identification of proposed uses for the federal funding. WAG members included three representatives from CCFAC (Fazia Deen, Cookie Hymer-Blitz and Michelle Menapace) and three representatives from FCRHA (Kevin Greenliaf, C. Melissa Jonas, and Albert J. McAloon). The meeting resulted in a collective agreement on the proposed uses for federal funding that will be recommended to CCFAC.

FY 2020 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan Update

B. Moses distributed a draft version of Fairfax County's "Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2020" (The Draft Action Plan, Attachment #3), which incorporates the summary of testimonies presented at the CCFAC Public Needs Hearing and the WAG funding recommendations. She explained that the CCFAC members should review the Draft Action Plan and provide comments to her in advance of the next CCFAC meeting on January 8, at which members will vote to approve release of the Draft Plan for the 30-day public comment period. Copies of the draft plan will be mailed to all members not present.

For the benefit of the new CCFAC members, B. Moses explained that the Draft Action Plan provides a one-year update to the County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2016 – 2020 (The Consolidated Plan). The One-Year Action Plan describes how the County will strategically utilize its CDBG, HOME, and ESG grant awards. A portion of the CDBG funding is distributed through the Consolidated Community Funding Pool. As a condition of the grants, HUD requires grantees to submit a new Consolidated Plan every five years, with corresponding Action Plans for each corresponding year. The consolidated planning process provides the community with opportunities to provide input on the development of the plans, such as at the CCFAC and BOS public hearings.

At the request of M. Blum and A. Zuvekas, B. Moses will forward the WAG spreadsheet, reflecting the WAG recommended uses of the federal CDBG and HOME funds available for use in FY 2020, to the CCFAC members in advance of the January 8, 2019 meeting.

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CCFP Priority Setting Update

K. Strotman thanked CCFAC members that attended the in-person sessions on CCFP priorities. About 25 community groups have participated and provided feedback. The online survey has received 600 responses and the community has been engaged through County Facebook, Twitter and Next Door accounts. Their feedback will be reported to CCFAC in January 2019. Themes that have emerged include: affordable housing, workforce development, food insecurity, transportation, human services, and mental and behavioral health.

The CCFAC Priority Setting Workgroup will meet soon to discuss priority setting. Members of this subcommittee include: Michele Menapace, Marlene Blum, Thomas Bash, Kofi Annan, and Ann Zuvekas. CCFAC will discuss how the priority setting document should be written during the January meeting.

K. Strotman reminded members that Deputy County Executive Tisha Deeghan will be attending the January CCFAC meeting to talk about the BOS Health, Housing and Human Services Committee meeting on January 29, 2019 at 10 a.m.

Information from Appointing Organizations

M. Hymer-Blitz shared information on the December 10th Fairfax Area Disability Services Board's (FA-DSB) 2018 Martha Glennan Disability Inclusion & Equality Awards, which was hosted by Chairwoman Bulova and had standing room only. The event recognized individuals, businesses and organizations that demonstrate successful inclusion and equality for residents with disabilities. Honored awardees included: Nancy Merccer, Inclusion Consultants; Dick Saslaw, Virginia State Senator; April Pinch-Keeler, MVLE; Little Lords and Ladies; Virginia Department of Education's Training and Technical Assistance Center at GMU; and the Jewish Community Center of NOVA

M. Finkle announced that Hypothermia Prevention locations are now open, helping to carry out the mission of giving our most vulnerable neighbors a safe place to stay away from the cold. He also announced the upcoming Point-in-Time (PIT) count scheduled for next January, and the upcoming end to the County's 10 Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. Next will be a retrospective look at the plan to understand its challenges, how best to obtain public input and ways to measure success, such as tracking the number of people who become homeless for the first time. He noted that at the start of the plan there were 185,000 homeless individuals versus the most recent count of 987.

M. Blum reported that a group of nonprofit community organizations delivered a letter yesterday to M. Menapace and Deputy County Executive Tisha Deeghan regarding the CCFP. The letter provided constructive recommendations and discussed the value of the CCFP. M. Blum expects to transmit the letter to CCFAC members at some point in the future, as appropriate.

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Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Next CCFAC Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 2/3.

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