

# CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Pkwy, Conference Room 9/10

Fairfax, Virginia 22035

## Meeting Notes

**CCFAC Members Present:** Michele Menapace (Chair), Marlene Blum (Vice-Chair), Kofi Annan, Thomas Bash, Fazia Deen, Judy Farabaugh, Mike Finkle, Mary Ann Floto, Richard (Dick) Kennedy, Jane Plum and Ann Zuvekas.

**Inter-Agency Staff Present:** Sarah Allen (NCS); Theresa Benincasa (OP 3); Michelle Brizzi (DPMM); Jenny Hsu (HCD); Dawn Hyman (NCS); Andrew Janos (DPMM); Laura Lazo (HCD); Lee Ann Pender (DPMM), and Katie Strotman (NCS).

### Call to Order

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

### Public Comments on the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) Draft Categories for FY 2021-2022

Reverend Kim (Washington Youth Foundation)

- Include funding programs that support the mental and behavioral health of youth.
- Youth need safe and healthy environments develop.
- Rates of suicide among youth population has grown; this is a safety issue.
- Importance of connecting with youth whose parents speak little to no English.
- Idea of mental health among Asian immigrants is not openly accepted.
- Many Asian immigrants do not know how to seek mental help.
- Washington Youth Foundation provides a variety of preventive social programs that support youth development, including after-school tutors, college preparation and peer/group mentoring.

Cindy Han (Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington)

- Include a program category for senior services, particularly for senior counseling.
- Older ethnic adults often experience loneliness and isolation due to cultural and language differences, and/or familial neglect. Feelings of loneliness and isolation are often exacerbated by physical limitations.
- 13.1% of Fairfax County population is over the age of 65.
- Over 60% of those treated by their resident psychologist at the Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington are being treated for depression.
- Written comments were submitted by this organization.

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Doris Ray (ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia)

- Make clear funding is available to programs assisting people with disabilities transitioning out of nursing and other institutional settings.
- Programs should provide clients with the skillsets to live independently (e.g., training on managing their own personal assistance)
- The ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia is a disability resource and advocacy center and their largest service area is Fairfax County.
- Fairfax County recently secured new Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) dedicated to seniors with disabilities. These prioritize those transitioning out of institutions and those at-risk of institutionalization and/or homelessness.
- Given the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Olmstead and recent national attention on assisting seniors, this is an appropriate year to highlight funding for disability services.
- M. Menapace notes the importance of making the distinction that funding is not just about housing, and that housing is not contingent on disability services.
- M. Blum suggested adding a service example to the Literacy/Education statement since the section currently sounds employment oriented.

Following the hearing, D. Hyman confirmed that the comment period on categories will end on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and committee members will have the opportunity to discuss public comments during the next CCFAC meeting on April 9, 2019.

## **Approval of January 8, 2019 Meeting Notes**

The January 8, 2019 meeting notes were approved unanimously.

## **CCFP Process Improvement Work Group Update**

M. Menapace informed the group that S. Allen, K. Strotman, T. Bash and herself are participating in a special committee created by Deputy County Executive, Tisha Deeghan. The purpose of the group is to review the CCFP process overall and to recommend language (e.g., how to define “essential services”). The group expects to complete its work by May 2019 and CCFAC members will be kept updated.

## **Countywide Strategic Plan Efforts – BAC Forum Update**

M. Menapace informed the group that she and M. Bush attended the Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BAC) Forum last week. Attended by approximately 50-70 people, attendees were placed in small groups with facilitators and asked questions from the online survey. M. Menapace reminded members to complete the online survey and that input from young community members are needed.

Public sessions are posted on the website for the Strategic Plan, which now includes a descriptive implementation timeline: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/strategicplan/>

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## **Debrief of the February 15, 2019 Board of Supervisors Health, Housing and Human Services Committee meeting**

D. Kennedy encouraged CCFAC members to watch this BOS HHHS Committee meeting. L. Lazo will resend members the online link of the recorded meeting. M. Menapace noted that all Supervisors seemed onboard with using the term “categories” instead of “priorities,” and supportive of the new Food and Nutrition category.

## **Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2020 Update**

L. Lazo provided an update on funding levels for CDBG and HOME in the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 spending bill for HUD. The measure provides level funding to CDBG with \$3.3 billion and \$1.25 billion to HOME – a small decrease from the \$1.36 billion provided the previous year. Final grant amounts for Fairfax County will not be known until HUD completes its grant formula calculations. For the most part, the current grant estimate in the Action Plan should be very close to the actual award amounts.

L. Lazo reported that the draft Action Plan for FY 2020 is available to the public. The BOS public hearing on the Plan will occur on March 19, 2019. Two public comments on the Plan have been received so far. Once HUD announces the final grant awards, the amounts will be incorporated into the Plan hopefully in time for the CCFAC April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. During this meeting, CCFAC will vote to send the Plan to the BOS for approval.

## **Information from Appointing Organizations**

J. Farabaugh reported that FCPS is fully funded for the County’s next fiscal year.

K. Annan notified members of a housing forum taking place at the First Baptist Church of Vienna on March 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. There were 30 co-sponsors to sign on to advocate for housing. Participants are also advocating to increase density along major corridors and to increase the Penny fund.

M. Menapace informed the group about an upcoming meeting of the Human Services Council (HSC) where they will discuss the budget for human services. For the FY 2020 Advertised Budget, 75% of the new funds proposed in the Human Services Resources Plan were included.

## **Other Business**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

## **Next Meeting**

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