Meeting Notes

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

Inter-Agency Staff Present: Jenny Hsu, Laura Lazo, Katie Strotman, Sara Brinkmoeller, and Dawn Hyman.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018 MEETING NOTES

The February 13, 2018 meeting notes were approved with motion by M. Menapace and second by M. Blum.

UPDATE ON THE CCFP WORK GROUP AND REVIEW OF INITIAL DOCUMENTS

K. Strotman reported on the CCFP Work Group and the documents entitled, “Education Piece – CCFP Workgroup” and “CCFP Process Roadmap Draft.” Both provide information on the establishment and history of the CCFP for the Board of Supervisors. To further refine these documents, K. Strotman asked CCFAC members to discuss key points to pull out of these information items and provide any additions or edits.

M. Blum and M. Menapace shared news on their meeting with Chairman Bulova and Supervisor Hudgins. CCFAC members now have more time to present the work group’s information items to the BOS’ Health, Housing and Human Services Committee, which is scheduled to meet on June 26th. During the meeting, there should be an emphasis on the importance of CCFP to the community, the use of measurable outcomes to determine priorities (a tactic implemented by the CCFP long before other programs did), as well as the leveraging of funds.

M. Menapace mentioned that T. Deeghan is aware of her responsibility as Deputy County Executive to recruit new CCFAC members and to decide which groups should be represented. T. Deeghan will also be meeting with and keeping the BOS informed of the CCFAC.
D. Kennedy suggested strengthening the statement on page 4 of the CCFP Work Group document by emphasizing the CCFP’s broad priorities in health and human services. M. Blum thought the document constitutes only a very high overview, but agrees that the steering committee’s recommendations strengthens the process for setting program priorities that then aligns with the human services focus.

M. Menapace suggested describing in greater detail the amount of participation received during each of the priority setting phases. A. Zuvekas suggested emphasizing that the CCFAC did not revamp the CCFP’s priorities earlier due to the timing and lag in the County’s human services priority setting process.

D. Kennedy thought there should be mention of how the Selection Advisory Committee scoring is now aligned with non-profit funding recommendations. M. Blum thought the BOS might be confused with the CCFAC versus the SAC’s role, and that the CCFP Work Group should check with T. Deeghan for her thoughts first.

CCFAC members expressed concerns that the BOS may still not understand the differences between CCFAC and SAC. These two groups have different members with different functions. P. Barrett agreed and shared that the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board’s Board also is sometimes confused between the CCFAC and the SAC’s roles. A. Zuvekas stated that some BOS members want to direct the CCFP funding to support their critical human services priorities. M. Menapace mentioned that this issue arose during the meeting with Chairman Bulova and Supervisor Hudgins. In addition, many CCFP nonprofits are small and would be unable to address larger BOS priorities such as the opioid crisis. M. Menapace and M. Blum also expressed the importance of smaller-scale community priorities since they often are prevention efforts that address the community’s larger issues. For example, after school activities are considered small-scale human service programs, yet these programs help prevent kids from joining gangs, and gang violence is a large priority issue. CCFAC members should remind BOS members of this perspective.

K. Strotman reviewed the next steps for the CCFP work group that were also detailed in L. Lazo’s March 6, 2018 e-mail to CCFAC members: 1) make edits to the preliminary document as discussed by the CCFAC; 2) draft additional documents to address topics such as leveraging resources, One Fairfax, importance of the community in the process, and evaluation and outcomes; and 3) draft a section on CCFAC membership based on the CCFAC’s discussion.

CCFAC MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION

L. Lazo announced that T. Deeghan is confirmed to attend the CCFAC’s April 10th meeting and CCFAC members may want to discuss in advance any recommendations regarding CCFAC membership, including ideas for filling vacant CCFAC seats. D. Kennedy pointed out that the Director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness will provide a recommendation for a representative. M. Blum reminded the Committee that no board member of a nonprofit applying for CCFP funding may serve on the CCFAC.
M. Blum suggested that CCFAC should recommend specific areas of knowledge or expertise to have represented on CCFAC and give flexibility to T. Deeghan from which organizations to recruit. L. Lazo shared information from the County’s Citizen Participation Plan as to organizations that could be represented on CCFAC, and language included in the Plan is fairly broad and inclusive. CCFAC members suggested areas to seek additional representation from include: homeless prevention, aging/elderly, early childhood development/young children, behavioral health, and cross-cutting issues (e.g., civil rights, accessibility issues, “inequality”).

A. Zuvekas and M. Blum thought it would be helpful for T. Deeghan to also discuss the tension that sometimes exists between the CCFP funding/community priorities and other County human services agencies' priorities. It is important for Human Services Agency Directors to see the CCFP-funded programs and activities as part of the larger County human services picture rather than as competition for limited County funding. The input of community members and shared decision making is important for human services, and citizen participation is critical and valuable.

L. Lazo will share the CCFAC’s recommendations to T. Deeghan ahead of the April 10th meeting.

**PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS**

**DECISION**

Replacement language Option B, “Meetings of the Committee will be held at least six times per year, according to a schedule established by the members.” was approved. M. Menapace moved and M. Blum seconded.

**PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENT OF ELECTRONIC VOICE COMMUNICATION FROM A REMOTE LOCATION DISCUSSION**

In reference to the CCFAC March 13, 2018 Agenda document, the Committee approved recategorizing Item #6 as a Decision activity instead of a discussion activity so a vote could be taken. M. Menapace moved and M. Blum seconded.

M. Blum requested that “or 25 percent of the meetings” and “, whichever is fewer” be deleted in the document entitled, “Proposed New Section: Remote Participation in Meetings Due to Emergency, Personal Matter, Disability, and/or Distance from Meeting Location.” All members agreed.

Inclusive of the edits above, the proposed By-laws amendment of electronic voice communication from a remote location was approved. M. Blum moved and D. Kennedy seconded. It was then determined that the motion to approve the By-laws amendment was improperly brought to a vote because it did not satisfy a CCFAC by-laws requirement that written notice of a proposed by-laws amendment be submitted to members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting in order for a vote to occur. The decision was made to defer
the vote on the amendment to the April 10th CCFAC meeting, moved by M. Blum and seconded by J. Farabaugh.

INFORMATION FROM APPOINTING ORGANIZATIONS

M. Blum reported that the HCAB is reviewing the County’s FY 2019 Advertised Budget Plan.

J. Farabaugh reported on FCPS’ response to the National School Walkout, where students across the nation planned to walk out of school to protest against gun violence.

P. Barret reported on the issue of part-time Fairfax County employees that are required to obtain health insurance and the associated impacts of those costs, as well as the impacts on the healthcare delivery system.

D. Kennedy referred CCFAC members to e-ffordable.org.

J. Edwards-Hewitt reported the CAAB is reviewing FY 2019 Advertised Budget Plan and discussing the County’s Human Services resource plan.

M. Menapace reported on the HSC’s meetings on the budget with BACs, where the CAAB and CSB provided input. Two major topics discussed were opioid prevention and Healthy Minds.

OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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