MEETING SUMMARY

Call to Order
Chairperson Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and provided pre-meeting instructions, including emergency procedures for electronic meetings, as authorized by FOIA and the Emergency Ordinance.

Roll Call, in the order as presented:
- Marlene Blum (Vienna, VA)
- Brenda Faison (Fairfax, VA)
- Mike Finkle (Fair Oaks, VA)
- Mary Ann Floto (Washington, DC)
- Lenore Stanton (Fairfax, VA)
- Clayton Medford (Woodbridge, VA)
- Michele Menapace (Fairfax, VA)
- Michele (Cookie) Hymer-Blitz (Herndon, VA)
- Jane Plum (Richmond, VA)
- Valerie Sutter (Annandale, VA)
- Jim Edwards-Hewitt (Fairfax, VA)

Guest: Pat Williams, Long Term Coordinating Care Council member

Inter-agency County staff present on WebEx: Ramona Carroll (NCS); Jenny Hsu (DHCD); Andrew Janos (DPMM); and Lee Ann Pender (DPMM).

Chairperson Menapace moved that each member’s voice be adequately heard by each other member of the committee and moved that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and emergency procedures authorized by FOIA and the Emergency Ordinance, this committee meeting is being conducted electronically online through WebEx.

Approval of the January 11, 2022, CCFAC Meeting Summary
On the motion of Chairperson Menapace, the committee approved the January 11, 2022, CCFAC Meeting Summary.
Appointment of Nominating Committee Members

Chairperson Menapace appointed the following members to the Nominating Committee:

1. Marlene Blum
2. Mike Finkle
3. Jane Plum

This committee will suggest nominations of Chair and Vice-Chair officers for the new FY 2023/2024 term. Members were reminded of committee Bylaws establishing that officers serve for two-years terms, with elections held in the spring and terms beginning at the first meeting (typically in September) of the next fiscal year. Only two consecutive terms may be served in the same office. On June 30, 2022, Chairperson Menapace will conclude her second consecutive term as Chair, while Vice-Chair Medford will conclude his first term. CCFAC election of the Chair/Vice-Chair for the new term will occur during the May 10, 2022, committee meeting.

Discussion of Fairfax County Proposed Budget for FY 2023

CCFAC provided consensus for Chairperson Menapace to submit to a brief statement to the Board supporting the County Executive’s proposed budget for FY 2023

R. Carroll and A. Janos reported that the 5% CCFP budget increase included in the County Executive’s proposed budget utilized a standard approach for contract rate increases and is consistent with increases in prior years funding cycles. However, the county is aware of the increased operational difficulties experienced by CBO partners, and the county has responded by implementing two new grant opportunities - The Nonprofit Sustainability Grant and The Active and Thriving Community Grant - which together distributed $8.5 million to CBOs. Currently a third grant opportunity is being developed and will launch in Summer 2022. Funding for these grant opportunities were provided through the county’s federal CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Act funding allocations.

Information from Appointing Organizations

M. Finkle reported that since December 2021, the homeless system has seen the highest number of families with children being referred to the system, and a record number of individuals are being served in the Hypothermia Prevention Program. Additionally, Fairfax County and George Mason University are hosting the virtual 2022 Fairfax County Housing Symposium on March 17, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

B. Faison reported on a growing housing concern in South County, where a mobile home community on the Route 1 corridor may become displaced due to its property owners selling their land to developers, an issue that the FCRHA has been involved in.
L. Stanton reported on a new resource available providing an overview of all FCRHA rental housing and homeownership programs. CCFAC staff will provide a copy of this resource to members after the meeting.

J. Edwards-Hewitt reported on the CAAB’s overall support of the proposed FY 2023 budget and their ongoing advocacy on increasing the half penny for affordable housing.

Chairperson Menapace reported on the Human Services Council (HSC) joint meeting with BAC representatives with advisory roles and the information survey conducted for the development of HSC budget recommendations, which will be presented at the March 29, 2022 Budget Policy Committee meeting.

Other Business

R. Carroll reported on an upcoming event called Fairfax County Stuff the Bus: Donate to Stuff the Bus, on Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This collaborative program is a partnership between Fairfax County Government and local nonprofits. Now in its 11th year, Stuff the Bus continues to support food assistance efforts for families and households.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next CCFAC Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., (virtual)

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