Meeting Notes

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

Inter-Agency Staff Present: Michelle Brizzi (DAHS), Jenny Hsu (HCD), Dawn Hyman (NCS), Andrew Janos (DAHS), Laura Lazo (HCD), Cathy Muse (DPMM), and Katie Strotman (NCS).

Inter-Agency Staff on Telephone: Tisha Deeghan (DCEX)

Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

HEARING
(See attached summary of public comments)

Approval of September 11, 2018 Meeting Notes

The September 11, 2018 meeting notes were approved on the motion of M. Blum and seconded by M. Hymer-Blitz.

FY 2020 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan Update

L. Lazo informed the group that the Working Advisory Group (WAG) meeting will take place on November 27, 2018 at 7:30 p.m., and that HCD staff will report on the WAG meeting during the December 11, 2018 CCFAC meeting.

L. Lazo informed the group that members will receive the draft FY 2020 Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan at the December 11, 2018 meeting, and discuss and approve the Plan at the January 8, 2019 CCFAC meeting so it can be released for the public comment period.

CCFP Priority Setting Community Engagement

D. Hyman updated the group on NCS’s CCFP community engagement initiative, which includes a survey (online and paper) and in-person focus group sessions. Notice of the CCFP community engagement initiative has been provided to local nonprofits, faith-based organizations, County BACs, libraries, schools, athletic groups and was also published in
online newsletters and social media. There have been approximately 356 survey responses received so far in the last three weeks, and six stakeholder focus groups have been conducted in libraries and community centers throughout the County. There are 11 additional stakeholder sessions scheduled through December 2018.

M. Menapace encouraged any CCFAC members from a non-BOS appointed organization to contact D. Hyman directly for additional information on CCFP community engagement.

M. Blum attended the Region 4 session and found it to be very useful and interesting. During the session, she heard about the important needs of the community, but also learned other interesting information that could be shared with other County staff.

CCFP Priority Setting Workgroup Appointments

D. Hyman informed the group about the formation of the CCFP Priority Setting Workgroup, which will have five CCFAC members, including two veteran members, two new members, and Michele Menapace (CCFAC Chair). The Workgroup will meet in December 2018 and present to CCFAC during the January 8, 2019 meeting and the BOS HHHS Committee at the end of January 2019.

Members of the CCFAC Priority Setting Workgroup include: Michele Menapace, Marlene Blum, Thomas Bash, Kofi Annan, and Ann Zuvekas.

Information from Appointing Organizations

R. Kennedy reminded CCFAC members to sign up for e-ffordable, FCRHA’s online newsletter: www.e-ffordable.org.

Other Business

CCFAC members requested staff provide a response to testimony from the Public Needs Hearing speaker, Robert Reed (Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc.), since this speaker made comments about the CCFP award selection process. Members requested the additional information be provided before the next CCFAC meeting, and also provided to the Priority Setting Workgroup for their December 2018 meeting.

M. Hymer-Blitz also shared concerns about the Department of Homeland Security’s Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds proposed rule, which would count the use, or intended use, of public assistance against individuals seeking American citizenship. This proposed rule turns the “fear factor” concept into a reality.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Next CCFAC Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9/10.
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