

Human Services Council Meeting

January 25, 2021, 7 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

The general Human Services Council (HSC) meeting was held remotely via Live Video Zoom with live captioning provided on January 25, 2021, from 7- 8:18 p.m. The HSC conducted a virtual-live video meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic, which created an unsafe condition to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present.

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with password 608399, or telephone 602-333-0032, 888-270-9936 (U.S. Toll Free), conference code 931752.

The remote meeting announcement was posted on Thursday, January 21, 2021, on the HSC website and the County's Public Calendar.

HSC Members Present: Dr. Patrice Winter (Chair)(Braddock), Col. Marion Barnwell (Mt. Vernon), Kevin Bell (At-Large), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Robert Faherty (Lee), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Leah Ganssle (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Tianja Grant (Providence), William Kogler (Springfield), Steve Lam (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Lanita Thweatt (Mt. Vernon), and Alis Wang (Mason).

HSC Member Excused: Jeff Dannick (Braddock).

HSC Members Absent: Michele Menapace (Vice-Chair)(Lee), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (DCEX), G. Michael Lane, Jr. (Office of Strategy Management (OSM), Youri Assi Antonin (OSM), Shweta Adyanthaya (OSM), and VeeVee Coleman (OSM).

Guests and Other County Staff: Dr. Ben Schwartz (HD), Lisa Whetzel (NCS), Marlene Blum (Healthcare Advisory Board), Ken McMillon (Community Action Advisory Board), Monica Jackson (Braddock District Representative, Chair of Child Care Advisory Council).

Welcome, Virtual Attendance, Virtual Meeting, and Overview

HSC Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The Chair took attendance and the quorum was met with 16 members virtually attending the meeting. Chair Winter moved and was seconded by HSC member Foltz to approve to have each member be heard by each other, and it was unanimously approved.

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Approval of December 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The draft of the December 21, 2020 meeting minutes was presented for review and approval. HSC member Bell moved and was seconded by Poje to approve the December minutes, and was unanimously approved.

COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccinations

Dr. Ben Schwartz, Director of. Epidemiology, Fairfax County Health Department, presented on COVID-19 vaccines and vaccinations. [Visit this link to the full presentation \(pages 3-29, PDF\)](#) for more detailed information.

Key Topics & Highlights:

Status of the Pandemic

- In Fairfax County there are currently 56,000 documented cases, over 3,200 hospitalized, and over 750 deaths. Nationally, there are over 24,000,000 cases and 405,000 deaths. These numbers do not capture the entire toll of the pandemic.
- Cases in Fairfax County have been increasing since early October 2020 due to increased time spent indoors, family gatherings, travel, etc. All of this might be categorized under mitigation fatigue – people are tired of all the things they must do to prevent the disease.

Vaccination Program Implementation

- Vaccinations began in the county in late December. Because the vaccines are limited, they are being targeted to certain groups.
- Vaccination is targeted to balance two goals: Preventing serious illness and death, preserving societal functioning.
- Recipients are placed into numbered phases and further divided within a phase, for instance 1a, 1b, 1c, whereas we are now at phase 1b. A couple of the groups jumped up from 1c to 1b due to Governor Northam's announcement.
- Per Virginia Department of Health (VDH), the county has delivered over 57,700 doses—the most in the State of Virginia. As second doses are administered, first time vaccinations will be limited.
- Schwartz shared a list of the county's Human Services agencies and clients who are included in priority groups and getting vaccinated now.
- Vaccinations are delivered by a number of providers, including the Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD), Inova, Kaiser, our major safety net providers, etc.

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- A lot of challenges with the technology involved in registration. There are multiple communications channels when a group becomes eligible. Once eligible, they can register online or through the call center. Many people are in the pre-registration queue for vaccinations, which currently total 115,569. Given the amount of vaccinations given through the VDH and people in the queue, it may take months to work through the queue. People that put their name in to be vaccinated only represent a fraction of the population who are in the eligible groups.
- There is some data available from January 12-16 that was analyzed regarding the racial and ethnic makeup of people in the queue that are 75 years old and over, which illustrates racial and ethnic disparities in those registered for pre-vaccination.

Vaccine Hesitancy and Issues

- National Surveys of Vaccine Intentions with over 2,500 respondents show that about half of the population would definitely or probably would get vaccinated as soon as possible once the vaccine was offered to them. The survey also found that a large proportion that said they would probably get vaccinated but not right away or they would probably not get vaccinated. And 10% of our population nationwide said they definitely do not want to get vaccinated.
- By looking at the data by race and ethnic group, it was found that the data showed that overall while 51% people indicated that they would get vaccinated as soon as they possibly can, among the African American population, this only represented 32%. In public health we need to be able to effectively communicate with those people who need more information and move them from what is referred to as the “wait and learn” category into to those who have made a decision that they want to get vaccinated. This is important because the way we will get out of the pandemic is to achieve sufficient immunity in our population (referred to “herd” immunity), so the disease is less likely to spread.

Additional Highlights:

- The vaccines were both studied in a large clinical trial, had efficacy in the mid-90%, no serious safety concerns identified. In addition, there were no specific safety concerns identified in subgroup analyses by age, race, ethnicity, medical conditions, or prior COVID-19 infection.
- Vaccine safety
 - Many people had pain in the arm where they received the shot; some had chills, headache, muscle aches, and tiredness.
 - Rarely, people had an allergic reaction.
 - No serious side effects have been found.
 - As more people get these vaccines, CDC is tracking whether any serious side effects occur and will provide updates as we learn more.
- Communication and outreach
 - Online and written materials.
 - Toolkit for long-term care facilities (LTCF) administrators.
 - Webinars for partners.

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- “Word of Mouth” campaign.
- Supporting Multicultural Advisory Council members and other community leaders to share information in their communities.

Answers to Questions/Comments:

- Fairfax County is following guidelines to initially focus on those who are older or have underlining diseased as that is the population that is at the highest risk of severe infection and potentially death.
- Vaccinations for LTCF has been done under a national pharmacy program.
- The number of vaccinations administered that is listed on the VDH dashboard is significantly less than number of vaccines *actually* administered in Fairfax County, possibly due to the data not being entered in a timely way.
- Special addition of the *Golden Gazette* will be coming out for our older adult population that will be covering vaccinations.
- People can register through the Call Center.
- Materials are being made in multiple languages.
- They are working with K12 teachers and school populations. Due to limited vaccines, they have not been able to move into the childcare populations. Although they will be able to register within a week or two.
- On the online registration form, they are allowing people to attest for themselves whether they have an underlining health condition or are in hi-risk situations; no doctor note is required. Otherwise, it could introduce health inequities.
- Dr. Schwartz will get back with the Council regarding the possibility of documenting on the registration form underlining health conditions for those who are 16-64 years of age.
- CDC said through the media there is no evidence that the vaccine is less effective towards the United Kingdom COVID variant. More research will need to be done concerning other variants.
- Registration has been temporarily suspended due to low supply. The Health Department will be working with Inova to work through this issue. They are systematically going through the registration queue as quickly as they possibly can, including adding a number of additional vaccination clinics.
- Dr. Schwartz said we need to continue to be diligent with social distancing, wearing masks, etc., which all remain important, so the epidemic does not get worse.
- Leonard reported that the lack of vaccine supplies is nationwide.

Closing Comments/Health and Huma Services General Updates

- Winter reminded the Council that they typically have their monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month, however, in February, the meeting will be the fourth Monday due to the Presidents’ Day holiday.

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- Machowsky and Wang volunteered to be part of the (reinstated) Budget Committee, which will involve the annual crafting of a letter and presentation for the Board of Supervisors. Dannick may act as a resource.
- Winter reported that the HSC Bylaws went to the County Attorneys Office and they will have a report by the February 2021 meeting. Additionally, the Council must vote on it.
- Winter said Tom Goodwin may have an update on the Innovation Challenge progress in January or February 2021.

Adjourned

Chair Winter motioned to close the meeting, Bell seconded the motion, meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. Minutes captured by Coleman.

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February 22, 2021, 7 p.m.

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with password 591643, or telephone 602-333-0032, 888-270-9936 (U.S. Toll Free), conference code 931752.

The remote meeting announcement was posted on the HSC website and Fairfax County Public Calendar Tuesday, February 2, 2021, on the HSC website and the County's Public Calendar. Due to inclement weather and building closure, it was not posted on the doors and windows of the Fairfax County Government Center.

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Staff Present: Chris Leonard (DCEX), G. Michael Lane, Jr. (Office of Strategy Management (OSM), Shweta Adyanthaya (OSM), and VeeVee Coleman (OSM).

Guests and Other County Staff: Dean Klein (DCEX), Sarah Allen (NCS)

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Approval of January 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The draft of the January 25, 2020 meeting minutes was presented for review and approval. HSC member Poje moved, seconded by Bell, abstained by Thomas. The January minutes was unanimously approved.

Welcome to New Member, Paul Thomas

Winter welcomed new member, Paul Thomas, who will be representing the Hunter Mill district. Thomas shared that he moved to the Reston area in 1968, has degrees in Mathematics and Operations Research Management and Science, and taught math and computer science at Thomas Jefferson High School for several years. In the past 25 years he developed K-12 curriculum. In recent years, Thomas has been working independently within the field of docent learning (a.k.a., DL) with a myriad of clients where he is contributing to schools nationwide and around world. He added that he has previously served on the Reston Association Board of Directors and currently serving a second term with the Reston Community Center Board of Governors.

COVID-19 Relief/Stimulus Update

Sarah Allen, Acting Director of Neighborhood and Community Services, presented on COVID response and provided an update on stimulus funds.

Key Topics & Highlights:

- Tremendous need in the community, Coordinated Services Planning (CSP) has seen unprecedented call volume. In FY 2019, the average call volume was 1,300 each week, now it is 5,000 a week. There is a significant amount of people calling for the first time.
- Housing, food, and utilities are among the greatest requests.
- Funding sources: CARES Act, Community Services Block Grant, and the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program through the U.S. Treasury Services. Additionally, more funding is coordinated through CSB.
 - Other jurisdictions are able to access some funding through the state level.
 - With all of funding sources, the allocation process has been using a model—proportionate to community need.
- The pandemic has taught us that we need to over coordinate and over communicate as there are numerous efforts happening like no other time before.

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New Landlord Portal

Dean Klein, Chief Strategist for Health, Housing and Human Services, presented on eviction efforts.

Key Topics & Highlights:

- We have an Eviction Prevention Task Force that has existed for a year with representation from a variety of entities, including County representation, legal services, and nonprofit representation, that have been helping in a streamlined and purposeful way to direct how best to focus on preventing eviction.
- Learned a lot during process, there was no system previously set. Also benefited from level of collaboration which helped to reach more people in the community.
- The Landlord Portal allows them to benefit from the resources received in the community.
- Been able to connect with about 400 individuals.
- Over 200 landlords have been benefiting from Landlord Portal at the state level. And anticipate that number to grow.
- Communication continues to be a critical piece, so the new eviction website has included a Dashboard as we want to drive people to one place.
- They also have multilingual material to target communities that they often have a hard time reaching.
- Moving forward, they will see more intentional landlord engagement being purposeful and data driven, integration of the ERA with homelessness delivery system, will continue to support and nurture our community providers, etc.

Questions/Comments:

- Klein and Allen answered questions regarding the amount of funding available to assist landlords to avoid eviction in the County, accountancy of who and for how long residents have been able to receive emergency rental assistance, information on undocumented residents, how the program relates to the legal system, and what the time distribution of the applications looks like.
- There has been some discussion at the Federal level to extend the Eviction Moratorium, possibly until September 2021.
- There is some funding left through CARES Act funding for homeowners in need, but ERA Program cannot be utilized.
- Due to extended wait times and significant call volumes for funding requests, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) allowed more hiring for a new CSP unit, and also implemented a call back feature.
- Broad-based assessments are performed by social workers to discuss resident's needs. There is no guarantee they will get full benefits.
- A lot of work has been done with faith-based organizations and community groups to get residents in who do not feel comfortable to take assessments.

Innovation Fund Discussion

HSC member Tom Goodwin led the discussion on the Innovation Challenge Fund, accompanied by Lane and Leonard.

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Key Topics & Highlights:

- Premise of the Innovation Challenge (IC) is that government funding of human services projects and initiatives is not sustainable. The goal was to drive information knowledge and, hopefully, practical examples of service delivery engaging other sources of funding than the government.
- The Council was able to demonstrate on a small scale a model of the origins of the IC that included the equitable food access program in three of the four regions.
- For the next IC, food insecurity might be the focus, which remains a systemic problem.
- One approach is to engage members of BOS directly to encourage them to help identify project needs in their districts.
- Previously this initiative was supported by carryover. Currently there is a balance of \$600K in the Innovation Fund.
- We need to find ways in which we can address economic mobility issues, be more innovative which will allow them to help people get to self-sustainability, to include becoming more data informed and possibly shift those investments into opportunities.

Comments/Suggestions:

- Look at small industries and small private organizations to help people become more self-sufficient.
- Consider a one-time exploration of community engagement, specifically on disparities of COVID vaccinations with Black and Latino communities. Get a team to explore how to best work with populations who have not been worked with before in new innovative social media ways to make a difference in rates of vaccinations.
- Suggest creating a model developed towards affordable childcare as a financial stabilization tool so that people can keep their jobs.
- Possibly establish a larger committee for further discussion.
- Do something that is thoughtful, mandated, replicable and lasts over time, and that is innovative.
- Leonard would like to come back after some discussion with colleagues to discuss further with the Council.
- Setting up a micro loan infrastructure to allow the distribution of the innovation fund smaller groups of people to a larger group to help support innovative ideas in the community.

Closing Comments/HHS General Updates /Wrap-Up

- Wang provided an update on the Strategic Planning Committee.
- Winter pointed out the list of three extra HSC meetings [this month] on today's agenda.

Adjourned

Chair Winter motioned to close the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. Minutes captured by Coleman.

Human Services Council Special Meeting

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The Special FY 2022 Budget Human Services Council (HSC) meeting was held remotely via Live Video Zoom with live captioning provided on February 25, 2021, from 6-7:06 p.m. The HSC conducted a virtual-live video meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic, which created an unsafe condition to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present.

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Staff Present: Joe Mondoro (DMB), Chris Leonard (DCEX), G. Michael Lane, Jr. (Office of Strategy Management (OSM), Youri Assi Antonin (OSM), Shweta Adyanthaya (OSM), and VeeVee Coleman (OSM).



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FY 2022 Budget Presentation

Joe Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer with the Department of Management and Budget, presented on the FY 2022 Fairfax County Budget and focused on the two-page *Fairfax County FY 2022 Citizens Guide to the Budget* and referenced some of the data from the February 23, 2021 *County Executive's Presentation on the Budget and Countywide Strategic Plan*.

Key Points & Highlights:

- Contrary to positive budget news back in February 2020, we have been in a pulled back state since due to the pandemic.
- This year approaching 9 billion for overall budget which includes all special funds.
- Mondoro shared information about the 4.5 billion in the General Fund, revenue and disbursements, and logistics of timeline.
- Revenue –
 - Vast majority are result of residential and commercial property real estate tax. This year, overall growth relatively modest relative to assessments. Residential is up 4.25%. Calendar Year 2020 saw home sales increase by 8.4% probably.
 - While commercial is down 4% with variations in specific categories.
 - For homeowners, average tax bill may go up over \$280. Thus, key recommendation in the County Executive budget is a reduction in the rate—from \$1.15 to \$1.14. This would save the average homeowner \$60
 - Transient occupancy tax is down 80%.
 - Interest earnings continues to decline in County investments.
 - In making adjustments with revenue projections all along, the result is that revenue growth is just a little over 1.5%, which results in 43 million for new spending priorities.
 - One key recommendation is to set aside 20 million as reserves as we continue to navigate through the pandemic.
- Disbursements –
 - School side: Increase in the transfer of \$13.07 million
 - County side: \$11.70 million devoted to ongoing priorities spread across the nine strategic planning areas.
 - School Board recommendation at the State level of a 3% increase in compensation, which would cost the County 60 million. But they are really looking at 5% increase in compensation. Joint meeting on March 2.
 - County side: Does not recommend increases for County employees. Recommend implementation of a number of leave types, teleworking technology, hazard pay, third quarter bonuses.

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- The budget attempts to address pandemic response, Diversion First, opioid prevention, body-one cameras, and Capital Improvement Program.
- In the health environment, a number of items were funded. Need to put in permanent County funding towards public health nurses put in place, particularly in responding to contract tracing. Also, vaccinators.
- Timeline –
 - Public Hearing start April 13 and continue on April 14 and 15.
 - In advance of the public hearings, meetings in every Board in every district on channel 16.
 - Two March Budget Committee meetings.

Questions/Comments/Suggestions:

- Mondoro answers some questions on how remaining federal funding is/will be allocated amongst the Human Services system. He will follow up with Lane on details of all the funds that came in and how they were allocated to assist with letter to Board of Supervisors from HSC.
- What about Affordable Housing, how can HSC be advocates and make recommendations. Constraints on CARES will not be precluded from next trudge, per Mondoro. Budget includes modest investment towards housing with two new positions being added.
- The Department of Housing and Community Development has been continuing to development pipelines by using County land. e.g., partnering with nonprofits without the funding streams that are on hold for projects such as the Penny for the development of Affordable Housing, which BOS is committed to making the investment.
- For FY22 Budget, part of 16 million in reductions was result of working with agencies to identify where there were some reoccurring savings to be taken. Significant turnover (due to retiring County employees, particularly at the top of the pay scale) typically results in some savings.
- The County has been conservative, which is the reason why the organization is not in as bad of a shape during all of this uncertainty.
- In terms of reserves, there is the Economic Opportunity Reserve; Revenue Stabilization Fund; and the Management Reserve.



Adjourned

Chair Winter motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Thomas and Poje at 7:06 p.m. Minutes captured by Coleman.

Human Services Council Ad Hoc Meeting

March 1, 2021, 7 p.m.

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FY 2022 Budget Committee Discussion

Marty Machowsky (Ad Hoc/Co-Chair)

Alis Wang (Ad Hoc/Co-Chair)

Machowsky kicked off the discussion about the Human Services components in the FY 2022 Budget and the planned communication to the Board of Supervisors (BOS).

Key Points & Highlights:

- Further discussion about the development of a communication piece (e.g., memo/letter) to share with the full HSC before the March 15 Council meeting. This letter will serve as a basis before the to present at an upcoming, April 6th, BOS Budget Committee.
- Include in letter appreciation that the Diversion First and Opioid Prevention programs will be considered in the Budget, and to also note that affordable housing (\$54 million 'Penny for Affordable Housing' fund)—the biggest issue on the Human Services side—has *not* been considered. With that, suggest to the BOS to consider ideas they can look for if additional revenue becomes available.
- Focus on the need to help those most affected by the pandemic to include those with economic set-backs due to job loss, etc.; housing assistance; assist small landlords; those facing homelessness; and those with physical and mental health as rates of anxiety and depression has skyrocketed. Also, focus on Early Childhood Development.
- Discussions about vaccinations, specifically stats showing Fairfax County exceeding nationally with vaccinations, the push to get vaccine registration forms in different languages, positive feedback with logistical roll out, and the work to be done to reach other populations.
- With the proposed new federal legislation COVID Relief package being so extensive for states and localities, suggest getting an analysis of what the County may end up with as it will shape the Budget picture—reshape the amount of money for things we care about.
- Consider that geography is an issue with getting vaccinated; suggest using some funding to bring folks into the communities to vaccinate residents. Also, there is a technological divide that contributes to equity trends.
- The CareVan was out in the community in partnership with the Health Department. Using the CareVan for vaccine administration and access poses logistical challenges, but conversations continue to occur with the Health Department.

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Final Comments/Next Steps:

- HSC members and staff furthered the conversation on real estate assessments, Penny for Affordable Housing program, advertised tax rate, carryover, and the Innovation Challenge, which will be discussed in more details at a future committee meeting.
- The draft letter for the Board will be crafted before the end of the week to get it out to the Council before the next full membership meeting set for March 15. Feedback and edits from members will be captured by Adyanthaya.
- The Resource Plan is on pause. Work will need to be done to make it more useful for the Council and the County as well. The revised Resource Plan will now include not only the services and operational needs of HHS, but also other investments, such as IT and Capital Improvement Program. The goal is to bring back a prototype for reaction by the Council post the budget being adopted.



Adjourned

Chair Winter motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Dannick at 7:09 p.m. Minutes captured by Coleman.

Human Services Council Meeting

March 15, 2021

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The general Human Services Council (HSC) meeting was held remotely via Live Video Zoom with live captioning provided on March 15, 2021, from 7:03-8:17 p.m. The HSC conducted a virtual-live video meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic, which created an unsafe condition to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present.

Zoom meeting was accessed by computer,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89474727343?pwd=VOFBU252ZU1ueTltK2p4YnJVbmhUdz09>

with password 618026, or telephone 602-333-0032, 888-270-9936 (U.S. Toll Free), conference code 931752.

The remote meeting announcement was posted on Thursday, March 11, 2021, on the HSC website, the County's Public Calendar, and at the front entrance of the Government Center.



HSC Members Present: Dr. Patrice Winter (Chair)(Braddock), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Jeff Dannick (Braddock), Robert Faherty (Lee), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Tianja Grant (Providence), William Kogler (Springfield), Steve Lam (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Michele Menapace (Vice-Chair)(Lee), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), Lanita Thweatt (Mt. Vernon), and Alis Wang (Mason).

HSC Members Absent: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Leah Ganssle (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (DCEX), G. Michael Lane, Jr. (Office of Strategy Management (OSM), Youri Assi Antonin (OSM), Shweta Adyanthaya (OSM), and VeeVee Coleman (OSM).

Other County Staff: Dean Klein (DCEX).



Welcome, Virtual Attendance, Virtual Meeting, and Overview

HSC Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Chair took attendance and the quorum was met with 16 members virtually attending the meeting. Chair Winter passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Menapace so that Winter may be heard to make the requisite in motion and moved that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each member of the Human Services Council. It was seconded by Poje. That motion was carried.

Chair Winter reported the sad news of **Col. Marion Barnwell**, Council member of the Mt. Vernon District, passing away on Friday, March 12. They agreed to send condolences to his family in the form of a card and possibly flowers, or another appropriate acknowledgement. There was a suggestion to perform a dedication in his honor at the next meeting. And Menapace will gather details for the funeral and other arrangements. Barnwell had served with the Council since April 2003.

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Chair Winter moved and was seconded by Poje to approve conducting the virtual electronic HSC general meeting that is being recorded, and it was unanimously approved. Chair Winter moved and was seconded by Menapace for the necessity to move forward with all the matters discussed in tonight's meeting for the continuity and continuation of the operation, discharges of HSC's lawful purposes, matters, and was unanimously approved.

[Approval of February 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)

The draft of the February 22, 2021 meeting minutes was presented for review and approval. There were specific edits recommended, including the amendment to use "Latin" on the February 2021 minutes and possibly use "Latinx" when moving forward following guidance from the County's Equity Office. A motion to vote on this process was moved by Winter, seconded by Machowsky, unanimously approved. Thus, Dannick moved to approve a revised version of the minutes, seconded by Menapace. The February minutes was unanimously approved.



[HSC FY2022 Budget Letter-Approval](#)

Several suggestions were made to revise the budget letter that will be sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). The due date of the letter is determined by HSC which should be finalized before the BOS Budget Committee meeting on April 6.

Machowsky motioned to approve the letter as drafted, Menapace seconded.

[Discussion:](#)

Amendments to the Motion for Changes and Additions:

1. Recent legislation (i.e., from the American Rescue Plan Act) was approved and the letter should reflect that if some County funds are freed up that they stay in the Human Services System—not be reallocate to another purposes.

Machowsky motioned to move this amendment, seconded by Bloom.

2. Add a second sentence to the second paragraph pertaining to vaccine equity. This language will address residents in the underserved populations who have challenges gaining access to vaccines due to trust, reading and language translations, childcare, transportation. As such, the Council

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recommends that the County hold mass vaccination events—bring the vaccines to them. Also, rephrase text to “getting vaccines to our underserved population” verses “shots to the arm.”

Thomas motioned to move this amendment, seconded by Foltz.

3. Remove any recommendation to the tax rate that the BOS should establish.

Machowsky motioned to move this amendment, to vote by voice to secure a consensus verses one-by-one roll call. There were seven audible “I’s” (Dannick, Bloom, Winter, Wang, Thomas, two inaudible “I’s”) and three “neigh’s” (Machowsky, Poje, and Menapace). Machowsky noted that the “I’s” appear to have it. The remaining five Council member votes where either not audible, did not vote, or may have dropped off of the call at that time. The amendment was approved.

4. Provide *stronger language* that the Penny for Housing Program be reinstalled (or the equivalence of the penny to be dedicated towards affordable housing, i.e., alternative resources for cash) if the tax rate is above what the BOS suggests. Also, be mindful of this **one-time** funding, be strategic in distributing resources.

Machowsky motioned to move this amendment, this amendment was unanimously approved.

Machowsky asked for any additional amendments to the main motion, called a vote on the motion to approve the letter as amended with certain stipulations for additional language. The motion was unanimously approved.

The week before the April 6 BOS Budget Committee was recommended as a due date for the letter. Another draft will be circulated for edits/comments, which should be sent back (bcc’d) to *one person only*, otherwise a special, public meeting will need to be set to comply with FOIA. If they decide that they do need to vote on it, this process must be conducted as a public meeting.

The edits will be compiled by the Budget Committee leads and distributed the appropriate way by the OSM staff. For efficiency, HSC members are asked to respond once the draft is circulated. Adyanthaya can provide a timeline for the process of getting the letter completed.

Innovation Challenge Discussion

Health and Human Services (HHS) DCEX Leonard and Karla Bruce, Chief Equity Officer, shared some information on the Family Independence Initiative and recommended that the Council review the site (<https://www.fii.org/>) prior to next meeting.

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Key Points:

- Six months ago, had some good dialogue with the organization.
- Inspirational quote on the organization's site that relates to the cycle of poverty and doing something innovative and new—in line with the Innovative Challenge Fund.
- The timing is good in relationship to the pandemic. The issues are structurally based. Therefore, there is an opportunity to change trajectory as we cannot keep doing the same things. It will really represent a new and innovative way to approach the challenges.
- Several communities throughout the country are already partnering through this organization.
- A meeting has been already set amongst HHS directors to continue exploring this possibility. They will have more information when coming back.
- There is a whole data component. It can be a pilot to go back to the BOS.
- Will come back to the Council at a later date with more details and reaction by the Council.



Adjourned

Chair Winter motioned to close the meeting and was seconded by Thomas. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. Minutes captured by Coleman.

Human Services Council Meeting

April 19, 2021

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The general Human Services Council (HSC) meeting was held remotely via Live Video Zoom with live captioning provided on April 19, 2021, from 7:01-8:38 p.m. The HSC conducted a virtual-live video meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic, which created an unsafe condition to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present.

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with password 214041, or telephone 602-333-0032, 888-270-9936 (U.S. Toll Free), conference code 931752.

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HSC Members Excused: Robert Faherty (Lee), Martin Machowsky (At-Large).

HSC Members Absent: Kevin Bell (At-Large).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (DCEX), G. Michael Lane, Jr. (Office of Strategy Management (OSM), Youri Assi Antonin (OSM), and VeeVee Coleman (OSM).



Welcome, Virtual Attendance, Virtual Meeting, and Overview

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Chair Winter explained the need to conduct the HSC meeting electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which created an unsafe condition to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present. The live video Zoom meeting was accessed by computer, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89051996229?pwd=WEMzZ1V0eIVMRWJadTI2amhOQWt1dz09> with password 214041, or telephone 602-333-0032, 888-270-9936 (U.S. Toll Free), conference code 931752.

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Chair Winter moved and was seconded by Poje to approve conducting the virtual electronic HSC general meeting that is being recorded and closed captioned, and it was unanimously approved. Chair Winter moved and was seconded by Poje for the necessity to move forward with all the matters discussed in tonight's meeting for the continuity and continuation of the operation, discharges of HSC's lawful purposes, matters, and was unanimously approved.

Approval of Various Meeting Minutes

The draft of the March 15, 2021 General Membership meeting minutes was presented for review and approval. A motion to vote on this process was moved by Poje, seconded by Bloom, unanimously approved. The March 15 minutes was unanimously approved.

The draft of the February 25, 2021 Special Budget meeting minutes was presented for review and approval. A motion to vote on this process was moved by Poje, seconded by Dannick, Menapace abstained, unanimously approved. The February 25 minutes was unanimously approved.

The draft of the March 1, 2021 Ad Hoc Budget Committee meeting minutes was presented for review and approval. A motion to vote on this process was moved by Dannick, seconded by Thomas, Menapace abstained, unanimously approved. The March 1 minutes was unanimously approved.



Remarks from Chair, Winter

Winter reported that HSC member Thweatt will now represent the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team, therefore replacing former HSC member Kim Adams.

Winter would like to encourage active participation of all members of the Council. She said it is important that everyone's voice is heard. Use hand signals or turn on camera to help identify members want to be heard. In an attempt to encourage people, she may call on members as she wants to give people the opportunity. And in the interest of time, limit comments to two minutes. She urged that they are all responsible for the success of the meetings.

Health and Human Services (HHS) Updates

Chris Leonard, HHS Deputy County Executive, provided updates on the HHHS system.

Key Points and Discussions:

- In the next couple of months, Leonard would like to have a broader visioning discussion at a future meeting, talk on the state of HHS from an internal Fairfax County perspective and how HHS moves forward.

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- The county is retiring its external COVID-19 vaccination registration process for Phase I as the entire Commonwealth goes into Phase II. There is no longer a need to prioritize registrations moving into Phase II. It is a positive move for us as we go into Phase II to make that shift.

Leonard responded to the question of how indigenous communities and black and brown residents are accessing the vaccination process particularly with low disproportionate outcomes and is this process being tracked. He reported that the county is focused on equity and providing opportunities such as mobile settings. He said the equity efforts will accelerate. The Chief Equity Officer will be sharing a detailed report soon on the strategy, coupled with an Equity Committee that has been pulled together. In addition, we are getting more vaccines and working through waitlist.

Leonard also responded to a question regarding future walk-up registration sites, which will not be available unless residents are close to a vaccine equity site. Thus, we will continue to be on an appointment schedule. Additionally, basic free transportation vouchers are being provided for residents to get to/from appointments.

450,000 people have fully received vaccinations in the Fairfax County District in Phase I. He encouraged the Council to look at the Health Department's website to see percentage of folks that have been vaccinated for more details.

- Leonard shared that we will not be conducting the Youth Survey this year. The BOS asked for metrics around youth mental health. The data is very limited but did find that there is a significant increase in intensive care services concerning mental health and anticipates a larger number in September, when kids start going back full-time.
- Leonard said the BOS HHS Committee and Housing Committee meetings are always on Tuesdays and the agendas are typically available the Friday before. The Council can be sent a quick link if they are up on the Fridays before.
- Leonard reported that they had some internal meetings about the Innovation Fund. He believes there is a well-represented team pulling this initiative together. He asked for the Council's continued patience so they can put their best foot forward as this is something they have not done before. They plan to bring it to the BOS on June 29. Leonard encouraged them to view the website and said that they are working on timeline. Goodwin will keep Council abreast of reference materials.

[HSC Bylaws Approval Post Attorney Review](#)

The latest draft of the HSC Bylaws was presented with recommendations from the County Attorney. The discussion was led by Menapace.

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Motion by Dannick to approve the amendments to the HSC Bylaws as distributed, was seconded. With one objection, the amendment proposed to Article III, Section 6 was withdrawn from the consent vote.

Motion by Bloom to remove the amendment to Article III, Section 6 Responsibilities of the Chair, restoring the original language, was seconded, and carried with one Nay vote.

Motion by Dannick to amend the new Article V, Sect. 5 Meetings Requirements and Committee Compositions by replacing “four” with “three” was seconded and carried unanimously.

The vote to approve the Bylaws with the adopted amendments carried without objection.

The Council then considered additional language suggested by the County Attorney but not recommended distributed prior to the HSC meeting, as follows in bolded italics and highlighted:

Section 4. Notice and Agenda Requirements. Notice and an agenda for all meetings shall be provided as required under the VFOIA. All meetings shall be preceded by properly posted notice stating the date, time, and location of each meeting. Notice of a meeting shall be given at least three working days prior to the meeting. Notice of special and emergency meetings, reasonable under the circumstances, shall be given contemporaneously with the notice provided to Council members. Notices of all Council and committee meetings shall be provided to the Office of Public Affairs for posting at the Government Center and on the County Web site.

Section 5. Public Access Requirements. For any meeting, at least one copy of the agenda, all agenda packets, and, unless exempt under the VFOIA, all materials furnished to Council members shall be made available for public inspection at the same time such documents are furnished to the Council members. Pursuant to the VFOIA, any person may photograph, film, record, or otherwise reproduce any portion of a meeting required to be open, but such actions may not interfere with any Council proceedings. All meetings shall be conducted in public places that are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Section 6. Minutes. Minutes of each Council meeting shall be taken and shall be reviewed, corrected and approved by the Council at its next regular meeting. Summary minutes of all committee meetings shall be taken and distributed to all members of the Council. The Chair or an appointed representative shall ensure that minutes of meetings are recorded as required under the VFOIA. Minutes shall include: (1) the date, time, and location of each meeting; (2) the members present and absent; (3) a summary of the discussion on matters proposed, deliberated, or decided; and (4) a record of any votes taken. Such minutes are public records and subject to inspection and copying by citizens of the Commonwealth or by members of the news media. The supporting County department shall provide staff support to review and approve records and minutes of the meeting.

Section 8. Voting. A quorum is necessary for a vote. Each member of the Council shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all actions of the Council or standing committees of the Council shall be taken by majority vote of all members of the Council or committee, as appropriate, present at a properly called meeting. Upon the request of any member, the vote of each member on any issue shall be recorded in the minutes. All votes of Council members shall be taken during a public meeting, and no vote shall be taken by secret or written ballot or by proxy.

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Motion from Dannick to add “Upon the request of any members, the vote of each member on any issue shall be recorded in the minutes. All votes of Council members shall be taken during a public meeting, and no vote shall be taken by secret or written ballot or by proxy,” was seconded. Dannick offered a superseding motion to amend the text by inserting “with the exception of the election of officers” between “no vote” and “shall be taken.” The superseding motion was seconded and carried with one Nay vote.

The Council did not consider action on the other language put to them.

Kogler was opposed to supporting the HSC Bylaws as presented.

Closing Remarks/Comments

- Goodwin shared a memory of recently deceased Colonel “Barney” Barnwell and added his heartfelt experience at Barnwell’s funeral.
- Winter reported that the budget presentation to the BOS went well on April 6th. Said they liked the recommendations. Lane added that he felt it went very well and will send link (with time capture) of the video to the Council.
- Poje reported that they had the quarterly meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Council. They are in the middle of changing their bylaws. He would like to get some guidance on whether to forward materials to the Council. Winter suggested that the Council forward their feedback to her or Lane on a process of sharing information to the Council, which they may discuss at next month’s meeting.



Adjourned

Chair Winter motioned to close the meeting and was seconded by Thomas. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. Minutes captured by Coleman.

Human Services Council Meeting

May 17, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The general Human Services Council (HSC) meeting was held remotely via Live Video Zoom with live captioning provided on May 17, 2021, from 7:01-8:10 p.m. The HSC conducted a virtual-live video meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic, which created an unsafe condition to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present.

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with password 214041, or telephone 602-333-0032, 888-270-9936 (U.S. Toll Free), conference code 931752.

The remote meeting announcement was posted on Thursday, May 13, 2021, on the HSC website, the County's Public Calendar, and at the front entrance of the Government Center.



HSC Members Present: Dr. Patrice Winter (Chair)(Braddock), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Leah Ganssle (Sully), Tianja Grant (Providence), Steve Lam (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Michele Menapace (Vice-Chair)(Lee), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), Lanita Thweatt (Mt. Vernon), and Alis Wang (Mason).

HSC Members Excused: Robert Faherty (Lee), Christopher Falcon (Mason).

HSC Members Absent: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Jeff Dannick (Braddock), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), William Kogler (Springfield), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (DCEX), G. Michael Lane, Jr. (Office of Strategy Management (OSM), VeeVee Coleman (OSM).

Other County Staff: Karla Bruce (CEX), Sharon Arndt (HD).



Welcome, Virtual Attendance, Virtual Meeting, and Overview

HSC Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Chair took attendance and the quorum was met with 11 members virtually attending the meeting. Chair Winter passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Menapace so that Winter may be heard to make the requisite motion and moved that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each member of the Human Services Council. It was seconded by Poje. That motion was carried.

Chair Winter explained the need to conduct the HSC meeting electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which created an unsafe condition to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present. The live video Zoom meeting was accessed by computer, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89051996229?pwd=WEMzZ1V0eIVMRWJadTI2amhOQWt1dz09> with password 214041, or telephone 602-333-0032, 888-270-9936 (U.S. Toll Free), conference code 931752.

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May 17, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

Chair Winter moved and was seconded by Poje to approve conducting the virtual electronic HSC general meeting that is being recorded and closed captioned, and it was unanimously approved. Chair Winter moved and was seconded by Thomas for the necessity to move forward with all the matters discussed in tonight's meeting for the continuity and continuation of the operation, discharges of HSC's lawful purposes, matters, and was unanimously approved.

Approval of April 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The draft of the April 19 General Membership meeting minutes was presented for review and approval. Kogler was opposed to supporting the Bylaws as was presented in the April minutes and wants to ensure that his "nay" vote was recorded accurately. Poje approved the April 19 meeting minutes as amended recognizing Mr. Kogler's "nay" vote for the approved by-laws. Motion was seconded by Menapace, unanimously approved.



Health and Human Services (HHS) Updates

Chris Leonard, HHS Deputy County Executive, provided updates on the HHHS:

Key Points:

- Leonard said he would like to continue to share with the Council memoranda (i.e., NIP: Not In Package; routine updates or informational items that are circulated as a memorandum to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). If the Council would like more information on them, he can set up some of these topics as full agenda items.

He recently shared a NIP item on the vaccine equity strategy, and one was sent out on youth mental health, which was put together by a team of county and school staff. He talked about the NIP that was sent on the Point-in-Time Annual Count of Homelessness in Fairfax County. This year we saw an increase and it is the first time we do not have a true comparison as different jurisdictions were counting different things. We were able to use federal dollars this year, yet those people had to be counted as well.

- Leonard noted that in the information that was shared, he included the link to Budget Office's CARES Act funding update that the BOS gets every month. He suggested to visit the site for Council members to view dollars spent related to CARES funds.
- Leonard reported that he is working on an update to the BOS on what the HHHS system is doing for unaccompanied minors.
- In June he will have more information on the Innovation Fund. He has a meeting set up with the County Executive later in June and then will be briefing Supervisor Palchik, Chair of the Human Services Committee. He is anticipating a presentation to the BOS HHS Committee on June 29.
- Leonard answered a question regarding an overall sense of the community's mental health needs for all age groups. He responded that they are working on adults, especially older adults who have

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been especially isolated. In the next few days, they will be talking about the senior adult daycare health services, such as offering in-person services.

COVID Vaccine Equity Report

Karla Bruce, Chief Equity Officer, and Sharon Arndt, Community Health Director for the Health Department, presented on the county's vaccine equity efforts and their broader strategy to give everyone a sense of how the work is progressing and to share how they see the strategy begin to shift.

Key Points and Discussions:

Presentation Highlights:

- Applied an equity focus to much of their work, including efforts of the administration around the vaccine.
- Hesitancy that they are noting in community, along with other challenges. There are multiple county agencies contributing to the effort to include vaccine efforts in outreach.
- Working together across departments to address equity challenges through a clear strategy that they are able to modify and adapt as trends change.
- Using data that the Health Department has collected to inform their outreach effort in equity strategy work.
- Many sectors, county organizations, and community leaders are helping rollout vaccines to over one-million residents.
- Looking into a population-based approach to vaccine equity and starting to transition to a place-based strategy.
- Have increasingly added to vaccine clinics over the months.
- Engaging with communities to address vaccine hesitancy and other barriers.
- Vaccines provided by eight anchor vaccination partners with 97 organizations providing information, education, and registration.
- Using vaccines.gov to facilitate vaccine scheduling.
- Shifting from large sites to more community-based sites.
- Starting to introduce mobile clinics.
- Regional Communication Campaign, e.g., post cards sent to all county households.
- Using data to target and monitor progress.

Questions:

- Many on the team, including 10 staff outreach workers with the Health Department (HD), working with Neighborhood and Community Services, many volunteers, community health workers, board office staff.
- Did pilot with CareVan last fall. It is not physically set up for a vaccine clinic due to the nature of COVID; will continue to use for outreach.
- HD is using libraries for fixed site testing.
- Food distribution - starting to align outreach efforts with different distributions.
- Effort is two-fold – vaccine administration, plus being able to direct people to where vaccine is available.

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- Per data, continues to be a gap regarding race/ethnicity related to the impact of the disease, e.g., hospitalizations and deaths; they can ask HD for an update. Currently, basing strategy on disparity on who is getting vaccine. Was a suggestion to work with HD leadership to add a vaccination equity element towards outreach for subpopulations, particularly with language barriers.
- For schools (12-18-year-old students), working closely with parent liaisons and had many conversations with PTA sponsors, etc., regarding vaccine decision making.
- Mandating vaccines for students not decided yet.

- Vaccinations by zip code: Age 65+ overall rates are 86%-89%, 85+ age is 77%. Overall, 1 million, 65% vaccinated.

By July 1, the Governor's goal is 70%; we have about 50,000 more residents to go. Our *equity goal* is 70% in every neighborhood. Have some work to do to meet herd immunity.

- In terms of hesitancy, it has shifted due to vaccine availability. Difficult to pinpoint why some are still not willing to get it. Established a team to share the work they are doing, and it was determined there is a younger population – 20s or 30s who do not feel vulnerable. Some folks fundamentally do not trust the Government or systems. New reasons are emerging. Some are motivated by religious or political reasons. Using targeted outreach.

Suggestion to connect with Farmers Markets that accept SNAP benefits that might be in target area.

- In Fairfax, we have not seen drop offs in second-dose vaccinations. Some do not come due to messaging of illness. No show rates are at a low.
- Suggestion to heavily engage black, indigenous, and people of color (i.e., BIPOC) communities.
- Looking to push beyond 70% vaccination rate.
- Comment on booster round and hoping to close the gap and benefit from lessons learned, and plan for months ahead.

Establishment of Nominating Committee

Elections are in July. Council members Ganssle and Mirza will be leading the Nominating Committee.

Closing Remarks/Comments

Motion by Poje to start having Executive Committee meetings. Seconded by Machowsky.



Adjourned

Poje motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Menapace. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Minutes captured by Coleman.

Human Services Council General Membership Meeting

June 21, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The general Human Services Council (HSC) meeting was held remotely via Live Video Zoom with live captioning provided on June 21, 2021, from 7:01-8:20 p.m. The HSC conducted a virtual-live video meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic, which created an unsafe condition to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present.

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HSC Members Excused: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Thomas Goodwin (Providence).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (DCEX), G. Michael Lane, Jr. (Office of Strategy Management (OSM), VeeVee Coleman (OSM).

Other County Staff: Cynthia Bailey (OCA), Sarah Allen (NCS).



Welcome, Virtual Attendance, Virtual Meeting, and Overview

HSC Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Chair took attendance and the quorum was met with 17 members virtually attending the meeting. Chair Winter passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Menapace so that Winter may be heard to make the requisite motion and moved that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each member of the Human Services Council. It was seconded by Poje. That motion was carried.

Chair Winter explained the need to conduct the HSC meeting electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which created an unsafe condition to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present. The live video Zoom meeting was accessed by computer,

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Chair Winter moved and was seconded by Falcon to approve conducting the virtual electronic HSC general meeting that is being recorded and closed captioned, and it was unanimously approved. Chair Winter moved and was seconded by Poje for the necessity to move forward with all the matters discussed in tonight's meeting for the continuity and continuation of the operation, discharges of HSC's lawful purposes, matters, and was unanimously approved.

Approval of May 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The draft of the May 17 General Membership meeting minutes was presented for review and approval. Poje moved to approve the May 17 meeting minutes with specified edits. Motion was seconded by Falcon, unanimously approved.



Housing, Health and Human Services Updates

Chris Leonard, Health and Human Services (HHS) Deputy County Executive, provided updates on the Housing, Health and Human Services (HHHS) system:

Key Points:

- The HHHS system has been providing funds to residents *all along* through the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funds. They worked with the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Chairman Jeffrey McKay on a Washington Post Letter to the Editor in response to a mixed impression. Since the start of the month, they we have spent over \$2 million.
- Leonard and Neighborhood and Community Services Deputy Director, Sarah Allen, will be presenting at the upcoming BOS HHS Committee meeting to include a presentation on the ERA funds, Eviction Moratorium, school health, and rebranded UpTogether (www.uptogether.org), where HSC member Goodwin will be joining them in the presentation. Part of the UpTogether pilot will be utilizing funds from the Innovation Funds.

Comments/Questions:

- There is concern around how quickly the ERA funds will be spent, as 65% of the funds must be distributed by the end of September, or they will no longer be available. In response: The tenant and landlord outreach are in full gear. There are significant number of cases pending so anticipate that will take up a large portion of the funds. Additionally, they are using other

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creative outreach strategies like engaging equity clinics, blog posts and other outreach materials produced in multiple languages.

There are 169 emergency housing vouchers received through the U.S. Housing and Urban Development allocations; encourage [HHHS staff] to work with the nonprofit Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) of Virginia's director to reach those lacking in services, such as people exiting prison systems who have enormous challenges getting into housing. Suggest finding a good group of people who have never been served before. In response: HHHS is working very closely with the Department of Housing and Community Development. And Coordinated Services Planning (i.e., the 222 line) has done a tremendous job during the pandemic—including getting funds out. Clearly a multi-agency effort to engage.

- Is there a plan to provide stats to the BOS HHS Committee at the upcoming meeting or to the Board on unlawful detainers and rates of evictions being filed this year (Jan. 1 to the present)? In response: This information is already being collected and displayed on the Evictions Data Dashboard. Allen will share the web address that can be distributed to the Council, which points to where the dashboard is located online.

Emergency Order Expiration and Virtual Meetings

Cynthia Bailey, Deputy County Attorney for the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, presented on legislative changes on remote open meetings.

Key Points:

- General assembly and BOS established a legal way for Boards, Authorities, and Commissions to meet remotely.
- Additional changes anticipated as many people felt it was more equitable to meet remotely for various reasons.
- Starting July 1, the Commonwealth requires meetings to be conducted in-person with physical meetings assembled.
- Ways to attend remotely: 1) must have a medical condition; 2) have to take care of a family member with a medical condition; or 3) due to a personal matter which the member must state on record with a limitation—25 percent of the meetings per calendar year or two meetings, whichever is greater.
- The newly developed HSC Participation in Meetings by Electronic Communication HSC policy must be enacted to allow members to participate remotely.
- When does it start? Fairfax County has declared a State of Emergency along with the Governor's and BOS has not yet determined when it will end its State of Emergency. Affirmative action must be taken. Bailey will let the Council know.

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Comments/Questions:

- There was some discussion about what had changed, such as in the past if a group was meeting electronically, the purpose of the meetings had to be about the emergency. Also, what changed is the State of the Emergency can be called by the locality.
- There is no requirement to allow the public to participate remotely. This may change. In the future, the General Assembly may allow public bodies to meet electronically so many times a year.
- Law requires that the meeting group hear the person that is calling in.
- Suggest rotating to other regions of the county if they have to meet in-person as it is not always convenient to meet at the Government Center.
- Can we conduct live video presentations (like BOS) during the HSC meeting? Does it require compliance with the new policy?
- Without adopting the policy, everyone must attend in-person. There is an opportunity to amend it in the future.
- Two points to meeting *totally* electronically: 1) State of Emergency declared by locality or the Governor, 2) A finding that it is not safe to physically assemble.
- If adopted, the Council must have a quorum of a simple majority of 11 attending in-person (per bylaws), otherwise the group cannot meet.
- Menapace made a motion to adopt the policy, motion was seconded by Bloom, one abstention, unanimously approved.
- There is nothing in Freedom of Information Act that prohibits the group from allowing the public to attend. The Public has to have the ability to attend in-person. If the group chooses, the public can be allowed to attend electronically. There was a request to add this topic for discussion at the next council meeting.
- The HSC's next meeting will be in-person at the Government Center.

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Slate of HSC Officers

- Election of officers are in July. Council members Ganssle and Mirza have been leading the Nominating Committee. The slates are ready for next month.
- Winter chose not to run as her personal goals were achieved, which include updating the HSC Bylaws, getting more people to participate in different parts of the work, and to conduct shorter meetings.
- Candidates are asked to prepare bios, state why they want the position, what their objectives are, and issues the Council should address.
- The vote in July will be public and by roll call, no longer voting on paper.
- Suggest having short bio of candidates included in meeting materials for the July meeting.
- The candidates decided to present to the Council, e.g., provided backgrounds, some adjectives, and issues/topics they believe the Council should focus on. Next step is to conduct the voting at the July meeting.

Closing Remarks/Comments

- Council member Bell anticipates returning at the next meeting.
- In terms of a provision to vote for HSC officers at the July meeting, there is no proxy stated in the bylaws in the case when members are unavailable to vote.



Adjourned

Winter motioned to adjourn the meeting, moved by Menapace, seconded by Thomas. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Minutes captured by Coleman.

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The general Human Services Council (HSC) meeting was held remotely via Live Video Zoom with live captioning provided on July 19, 2021, from 7:06-8:23 p.m. The HSC conducted a virtual-live video meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic, which created an unsafe condition to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present.

Zoom meeting was accessed by computer,

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with password 214041, or telephone 602-333-0032, 888-270-9936 (U.S. Toll Free), conference code 931752.

The remote meeting announcement was posted on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, on the HSC website, the County's Public Calendar, and at the front entrance of the Government Center.



HSC Members Present: Dr. Patrice Winter (Chair)(Braddock), Jeff Dannick (Braddock), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), William Kogler (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Michele Menapace (Vice Chair)(Lee), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), Lanita Thweatt (Mt. Vernon).

HSC Members Excused: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Robert Faherty (Lee), Alis Wang (Mason).

HSC Members Absent: Leah Ganssle (Sully), Tianja Grant (Providence), Steve Lam (Springfield), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (DCEX), VeeVee Coleman (Office of Strategy Management).



Welcome, Virtual Attendance, Virtual Meeting, and Overview

HSC Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The Chair took attendance and the quorum was met with 10 members virtually attending the meeting. Chair Winter passed the gavel to Vice Chair Menapace so that Winter may be heard to make the requisite motion and moved that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each member of the Human Services Council. It was seconded by Machowsky. That motion was carried.

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Chair Winter moved and was seconded by Thomas to approve conducting the virtual electronic HSC general meeting that is being recorded and closed captioned, and it was unanimously approved. Chair Winter moved and was seconded by Machowsky for the necessity to move forward with all the matters discussed in tonight's meeting for the continuity and continuation of the operation, discharges of HSC's lawful purposes, matters, and was unanimously approved.

Approval of June 15 and June 21 Meeting Minutes

The draft of the June 15 Executive Committee and June 21 General Membership meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Menapace moved to approve the June 15 Executive Committee meeting minutes, motion was seconded by Dannick. Menapace moved to approve the June 21 General Membership meeting minutes, motion was seconded by Dannick. Both minutes were unanimously approved.



Housing, Health and Human Services Updates

Chris Leonard, Health and Human Services (HHS) Deputy County Executive, provided updates on the Housing, Health and Human Services (HHHS) system:

Key Points:

- The Innovation Fund presentation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) went well.
- Leonard will continue to share NIPS ("not in package" memos to the Board). One is on the way about state hospitals halting new emissions due to staffing insecurity issues, which may impact Northern Virginia, particularly with public safety.
- Few memos lined up in the next few weeks to share with the Council, to include School Age Childcare program gearing back up and emergency rental assistance.
- Leonard plans to share information on the pivot grant funds with the BOS.
- Carryover is next Tuesday.

Comments/Questions:

- Leonard responded to question regarding backlog of calls to Coordinated Services Planning calls (i.e., "222 number"). There has been a spike in calls to the line, possibly directly related to rental assistance needs. They are working through the backlog, due to pending

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authorization to spend. Still working with County Attorney who is working on program set-up.

- Anticipate that the pivot grant funds will be spent quickly as it will be distributed among four to five lanes. Firstly, will be focusing on qualified census tracks Health Advanced Research Projects Agency (HARPA) highlighted and vulnerability index map in Fairfax. The funds leftover will be more like a lottery. Of the 10 million, \$4.3 million is set aside for childcare.

Innovation Fund/Up Together Presentation Tom Goodwin

Council member Tom Goodwin presented on the Innovation Challenge.

Key Points:

- Goodwin recommended the group to view the [June 29 video of the BOS HHS Committee presentation](#) that includes presentation to the Board.
- It was decided to move unanticipated funds along towards this initiative. There were three successful projects on food insecurity, but they were limited.
- The goals and spirit of the original Innovation Challenge was to find truly innovative ways to fund and deliver human services to Fairfax County.
- Goodwin shared several obligations (“Citizen Stewardship Obligations”) he brought forth as the team of county partners explored the initiative, including a few premises it should be based on: Are we listening to the stated needs of the community? Does the initiative reflect the county-wide commitment of One Fairfax?
- Test pilot project is using between \$500k to 600k of existing Innovation Funds.
- The project is called UpTogether, formerly known as the Family Independence Initiative. It is implemented in well over dozen cities and communities nationwide.
- The program is a technology platform that makes funds directly available to families and community network groups for the purpose of enabling citizens to lift themselves up by making their own determination of what their needs are.
- County proposes to launch a pilot project involving a handful of families.
- Desired impacts for families: Increase of income, decrease of reliance on public assistance, increase in family liquid assets. Desired system level impacts: Shift from deficit to asset focus, access to expanded range of indicators to measure progress.
- There are series of contractual obligations between Fairfax County, UpTogether, and other contractors in Memo of Understanding stage right now.
- Pilot will be in two phases: Phase 1, Design Process; Phase 2, Implementation.
- Anticipated Funding Strategy involves the Innovation Fund, philanthropy, and federal resources (ARPA).
- Board members were enthusiastic about program.

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- A lot of information available online on UpTogether, including case studies, videos of people who participated in program.
- It has been tested elsewhere, data driven with a track record of success.
- Supported by the County Executive.

Comments/Questions:

- Will be taking participants to a higher level of success. It is like a 21st Century hybrid of social welfare and self-determination. Core of UpTogether, as it started, is strength-based approach, data driven—will be able to prove to the Board how well it works.
- Looking at specific communities of people, not defined by geography; it will be socioeconomic.
- A sense of proportionality between the Innovation Fund, philanthropy and federal funds has yet to be determined; however, strong data demonstrating the program works will generate funding when going forward.
- May need to instill an understanding within the BOS that this program takes time, i.e., not a one-year program. There is indeed a need to show improvements, empowerment in people's lives, which data will illustrate. To that end, BOS is receptive to giving this program a chance and having seed funding to get it started is a positive.
- The State intends to treat funds as gifts, *not* income so any funding that residents are already receiving through other programs (e.g., SNAP, rental assistance) will not be impacted.
- The data collected will be self-reported through platform.

Election of Officers for Two-Year Term

- The Council conducted an election for a chair and vice chair for the next two-year term. There was one person on the slate for each position: Michele Menapace for chair and Alis Wang for vice chair.
- There were no other nominations for the floor for either of these positions.
- Machowsky motioned to approve the slate as presented, Thomas seconded. The vote for the new officers was unanimously approved for the time period of August 2021 through the end of July 2023.

Incoming Leadership Remarks & General Discussion

- Appreciation went to Winter for her leadership and particularly for leading the task of renewing the Bylaws and for helping the Council navigate through another year virtually due to the ongoing pandemic.
- When moving forward, communication will be the key for the Council to figure out where they need to go, for instance with navigating through post pandemic issues, new staffing,

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the Human Services Resource Plan, etc. Input from everyone is critical. Suggest addressing issues within the designated general meeting time verses assigning issue to another committee like the Executive Committee. However, if more discussion is needed, they can have a separate meeting.

- There was a personal appeal to pay attention to gun violence prevention. It is a national health issue—a human services need that the Council need to keep in mind even though their work may not be directly involved.

Closing Remarks/Comments

- Fairfax County adopted a prenotification system that is linked to the emergency 9-1-1 system so that people with disabilities that prevent them from hearing, seeing, or being able to physically escape from an emergency can be safely evacuated.



Adjourned

Winter motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dannick. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Minutes captured by Coleman.

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August 16, 2021

7:00pm

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HSC Members Present: Michele Menapace (Chair/Lee), Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason), Kevin Bell (At-Large), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Robert Faherty (Lee), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Leah Ganssle (Sully), Tianja Grant (Providence), William Kogler (Springfield), Steve Lam (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill).

HSC Members Excused: Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock), Lanita Thweatt (Mt. Vernon).

HSC Members Absent: Jeff Dannick (Braddock), Thomas Goodwin (Providence).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (DCEX), VeeVee Coleman (Office of Strategy Management).

HSC Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Chair took attendance and the quorum was met with 13 members virtually attending the meeting. Menapace passed the gavel to Vice Chair Wang so that Menapace may be heard to make the requisite motions required for VFOIA compliance. Menapace moved that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each member of the Human Services Council. It was seconded by Thomas and carried.

Chair Menapace explained the need to conduct the HSC meeting electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which created an unsafe condition to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present. The live video Zoom meeting was accessed by computer or phone (links above). Chair Menapace moved to approve conducting the virtual electronic HSC general meeting (that is being recorded and closed captioned). Motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Menapace moved for the necessity to move forward with all the matters discussed in tonight's meeting for the continuity and continuation of the operation, discharges of HSC's lawful purposes, matters. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Gavel returned to Chair Menapace.

The July 19 General Membership meeting minutes was presented for review and approval. Thomas moved to approve the July 19 minutes, was seconded. Motion carried with one abstention (Grant). Grant abstained.

Menapace reminded those who have not signed the One Fairfax Policy to sign form that was sent out by Coleman. She advised that if they are on another Board, Advisory, or Commission (BAC), the county cannot cross reference responses, so they must complete one for each BAC.

Housing, Health and Human Services (HHHS) Deputy County Executive, Chris Leonard, provided updates on the HHHS system and the FY 2021 County Carryover Package. Highlights included:

- Leonard reported that the FY 2021 county carryover will be voted on in the fall. The Human Services (HS) agencies and initiatives continued to be very well invested in, such as initiatives on school health, which requires investment in school health nurses within the Health Department. Similarly, additional supports for emergency response were added. Additionally, the county plans to add five positions for emergency rental assistance.
- The Federal Eviction Moratorium has been extended again. The county has set up their own eviction moratorium and received around \$65 million to assist with eviction issues. Starting in June, in a two-month period, \$10 million has already been disbursed. Leonard added that the county stands well ahead against their counterparts, and staff send out progress reports to Board of Supervisors (BOS) every two weeks.
- The county is looking at \$15 million going towards affordable housing efforts. Capital facilities will be added, e.g., Kingstown Police Station, library, senior center, etc. – like a 'human services hub.' Leonard believes the BOS will continue to approve substantial investments towards their human services efforts.

- A lot of changes: Joe Mondoro, retiring as Chief Financial Officer, may stay on as a volunteer with affordable housing committee; Dave Rohrer will be retiring soon; re-establishment of the fifth deputy county executive, who will drive multiple major projects; Office of Public Affairs will manage human services; IT efforts will be supported by Corporate IT. Ultimately, centralized services will be moved back in the corporate side. In addition, they are trying to be more aligned with the Budget Office. Health and Human Services (HHS) will continue to house the legislative and capital projects positions and move them into HHS-Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS). The Office of Strategy Management (OSM) will be going away. Coleman will be going to NCS and continue to support the Council. They are working on who will be supporting the group as former OSM director, G. Michael Lane did. Lane will be moving into the corporate part of the Department of Human Resources, in the collective bargaining effort.

Leonard entertained questions and comments:

- Vaccination rate is a little over 77% with 12-years-olds and on with one vaccination in arms, which equates to two-third of the population. They have been directed by Chairman McKay to look at the possibility of mandating vaccinations for all county staff. In the last 3 weeks there was one death, which is one death too many; however, comparing it to last year shows the vaccines are working. They are going to continue to follow where the science goes.
- OSM was seen as the organizational structure/response to several challenges HS was facing. However, Leonard explained that at its core, OSM for former HHS county executive's vision, was specifically around largescale IT initiatives, but it was discovered there was a reason for these multiple reporting applications that are specific to each respective agency. Also, alignment is necessary due to data production as there is the issue of parallel metrics operations. There is no timeframe for the dissolution of OSM. It is happening in varying stages. Leonard anticipates mid to late September that everyone will be placed in their new areas. From a staffing perspective, this is the best time to dissolve OSM as the office had a greater than 10% vacancy rate, so they were able to do things that did not impact as many people that it could have.
- Leonard will get information on the percentage of school nurses per county school.
- There is more concern about developing the Needs Assessment versus the Resource Plan. There is some work to do there, such as highlighting real data.

Chair's Report/Discussion: Menapace reported that much of the work will be guided by the Council, her role will be to help facilitate the work, not direct it. She began a discussion on priorities and gaps, how to fill them, start working on what HSC will be working on for the next two years, and set goals and accomplish them moving forward.

Machowsky suggested to continue doing some of the routine tasks, such as the budget. One significant achievement was the Innovation Fund/idea/process. They own it in a way, great model. He would like to see it aligned in the budget. Machowsky asked how can they add value to what the HS system is doing? Or perhaps they must see how the Innovation Fund turns out. Another thought is to perhaps add their voice to things that are going on, such as affordable housing. Should they play a bigger role or not?

Menapace announced she plans to lead a re-engagement with other BACs, see if they can help identify where the greatest need is; what can they do to help facilitate that collaboration that will help guide a decision on where they go next. She said HSC has a great opportunity to meet with a lot more people at one time (via virtual meetings) and tap into their expertise and knowledge of what is working on the ground.

Menapace said HSC could use connections in the community, serve as a liaison as a regular line of communication to the Council. She would like to have time on agenda for regular reporting from HSC appointees to outside organizations as well as members' personal networks. In addition, she would like to hear from other Council members, more participation. All voices are critical to the work that the Council does. She suggested having an onboarding process, a training, or handbook to help facilitate the learning process of what the Council is all about and how to contribute. Leonard can get something put together of the BACs that include what they do, what they support, and how HSC interacts with them.

Menapace asked about committees and delegating someone to flush ideas out. She would like to set aside time on every agenda to get appropriate committee reports back for information sharing. Wang added if they have standing committees to have specific goals in mind to provide structure.

Falcon reported that he found small committees useful. Machowsky reminded the group that the former executive committee meetings were useful and generated ideas towards the full monthly agenda. Menapace suggested to build this type of discussion into the monthly agenda, perhaps a Q&A. Thomas suggested to create a committee that brings back ideas/summaries from discussions with other BACs. Menapace added that they could also have staff liaisons to the BACs join the Council meetings for a quick Q&A.

There being no additional business, Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.
Minutes captured by Coleman.

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September 20, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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or telephone 602-333-0032, 888-270-9936 (U.S. Toll Free), conference code 457970

HSC Members Present: Michele Menapace (Chair/Lee), Kevin Bell (At-Large), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Jeff Dannick (Braddock), Robert Faherty (Lee), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Leah Ganssle (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Tianja Grant (Providence), William Kogler (Springfield), Steve Lam (Springfield), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), Lanita Thweatt (Mt. Vernon), Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock).

HSC Members Excused: Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive), Sarah Allen (Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)), Chris Scales (NCS), Jill Clark (NCS), VeeVee Coleman (NCS).

Call to Order: HSC Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Chair took attendance and made the requisite motions required for virtual meetings as part of Virginia FOIA compliance. Menapace moved that each member's voice could be adequately heard by all participating members. It was seconded and carried.

Chair Menapace explained the need to conduct the HSC meeting electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which made it unsafe for the Human Services Council (HSC) and the public to physically assemble. The live video Zoom meeting was accessible by computer or phone. Chair Menapace moved to approve conducting the meeting electronically. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Menapace moved for the necessity to move forward with all the matters discussed in tonight's meeting for the continuity and continuation of operations and the discharge of the HSC's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Approval of the Minutes: The August 16 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Thomas moved to approve the August 16 minutes and was seconded. The motion carried with noted corrections and one abstention (Mirza).

Health and Human Services Updates: Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health & Human Services, introduced Jill Clark, the new staff support to the HSC and Sarah Allen who will also be a resource to the HSC. Leonard provided HHS updates, including an announcement that the Board of Supervisors Health and Human Services Committee will meet on September 21 at 11 a.m. and will cover emergency rental assistance and evictions, as well as a public health update.

Afghan Newcomers: Leonard shared that he directed the formation of an HHS work group to develop a plan that ensures a coordinated response for serving Afghan newcomers. Chris Scales, Emergency & Support Functions Program Manager (NCS), is leading the work group and presented an update on the work group's plan. After the presentation, members asked questions about the measles outbreak related to arrivals landing at Dulles, translation and interpretation services, possible areas in the county for resettlement, funding, and services available to humanitarian parolees

Evictions and Emergency Rental Assistance: Sarah Allen, deputy director (NCS), presented an update on the county's COVID-19 basic needs response, including eviction mitigation and emergency rental assistance. Outreach efforts have been enhanced to ensure that residents at risk of eviction, as well as landlords, are aware

of the assistance available. Legislation passed during the August special session of the Virginia General Assembly that requires landlords to apply on behalf of their tenants for rental assistance before initiating the eviction process is in effect until June 30, 2022. After the presentation, members asked questions about the outreach process for making renters and landlords aware of the program, basic needs assessments, and eligibility requirements.

Member Sharing: Thweatt provided an update on the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team initiatives. Chair Menapace provided an update on the Consolidated Community Funding Pool. Poje shared news about the evolution of the Affordable Housing Advisory Council and significant federal housing proposals.

Chair's Report: Chair Menapace shared that she is working with staff on developing an HSC onboarding process for new members. She noted that Clark compiled a spreadsheet with information and contacts for all HHS Boards, Authorities, and Commissions, which will be helpful. She also announced that staff are working on a Partners' Portal site for the HSC, which will host a document library of all HSC materials and make it easier to locate historical items. The site will only be accessible to HSC members.

It was noted that for future meetings, staff will send presentation materials in advance whenever possible.

Staff will investigate the concern raised by Thweatt about Housing and Community Development staff relocating from the Gerry Hyland Government Center to the Pender Drive office and follow up directly with Thweatt.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes captured by Coleman.

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October 18, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84179853205> with password HSC202!mtg,
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HSC Members Present: Michele Menapace (Chair/Lee), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Jeff Dannick (Braddock), Robert Faherty (Lee), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Tianja Grant (Providence), William Kogler (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), Lanita Thweatt (Mt. Vernon), Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason), Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock).

HSC Members Excused: Thomas Goodwin (Providence).

HSC Members Absent: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Leah Ganssle (Sully), Steve Lam (Springfield), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive), Jill Clark (Neighborhood and Community Services).

Call to Order: Human Services Council (HSC) Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Chair took attendance and made the requisite motions required for virtual meetings as part of Virginia FOIA compliance. Menapace moved that each member's voice could be adequately heard by all participating members. It was seconded and carried.

Chair Menapace explained the need to conduct the HSC meeting electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has made it unsafe for the HSC and the public to physically assemble. The live video and audio Zoom meeting was accessible by computer or phone. Chair Menapace moved to approve conducting the meeting electronically. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Menapace moved for the necessity to move forward with all matters discussed in tonight's meeting for the continuity and continuation of operations and the discharge of the HSC's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Approval of the Minutes: The September 20 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Thomas moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried with noted corrections and one abstention by Machowsky.

Health and Human Services Updates: Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health & Human Services, provided housing, health, and human services updates, including an announcement that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Health and Human Services Committee met on September 21 and featured presentations on the emergency rental assistance program and evictions, as well as a public health update. A memo will be sent soon to the BOS regarding the Active & Thriving Community Grants Program, and he will share it with the HSC the following day. Leonard provided an update on the Afghan newcomers and noted that a shortage of affordable housing continues to be a challenge. He also reported that the carryover budget was approved and will address some important health and human services needs.

After the updates, members asked questions about a data point on unlawful detainers on the dashboard, the number of Afghans that are resettling in the area and if it is known where they are settling, and whether the Health Department can send targeted email blasts to those who registered for their COVID-19 vaccines in the county's system encouraging residents to get a vaccine booster if they are eligible.

HHS Resource Plan: Jill Clark guided the HSC through a discussion on the HHS Resource Plan and shared next steps for a redesigned plan, including updating the document so that it aligns with the countywide strategic plan, incorporate One Fairfax racial and social equity principles, and integrate capital facilities and IT investments. There will be ample opportunity for stakeholder engagement in the redesign process.

Chair Menapace proposed the idea of modeling this effort with the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee's work group to redesign the Consolidated Community Funding Pool, which would involve appointing two HSC members to an HHS Resource Plan work group. These appointees would brief HSC members on progress regularly at future meetings.

Member Sharing: Thweatt provided an update on the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team initiatives and noted that there are two policy work groups that are in developmental discussion stages: Workforce Readiness and My Brother's Keeper. Chair Menapace acknowledged Thweatt's efforts of being involved in the selection of a nonprofit recipient/new partnership with the Washington Capitals. Chair Menapace provided an update on the Consolidated Community Funding Pool. Poje provided an update on the Affordable Housing Advisory Council and the recent ceremony to rename the Southgate Community Center in honor of former BOS member, Cathy Hudgins.

Chair's Report: Chair Menapace highlighted work to create a new onboarding process for HSC members. She solicited ideas for other items to include in the member orientation and handbook. She will look at restructuring the organization of items identified in the outline and add some information based on HSC members' ideas, including samples of the Council's work and its history.

Chair Menapace proposed that the HSC cancel the December meeting due to the holiday season. She will have the 2022 Human Services Issue Paper distributed to members once it is adopted by the BOS, as well as information about the upcoming state budget hearing with members of the Fairfax County delegation to the General Assembly.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes captured by Coleman.

Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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HSC Members Present: Michele Menapace (Chair/Lee), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Jeff Dannick (Braddock), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Leah Ganssle (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Tianja Grant (Providence), William Kogler (Springfield), Steve Lam (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), Lanita Thweatt (Mt. Vernon), Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason), Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock).

HSC Members Excused: Robert Faherty (Lee), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville).

HSC Members Absent: Kevin Bell (At-Large).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive), Jill Clark (Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)), VeeVee Coleman (NCS).

Call to Order: Human Services Council (HSC) Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Chair took attendance and made the requisite motions required for virtual meetings as part of Virginia FOIA compliance. Menapace moved that each member's voice could be adequately heard by all participating members. It was seconded and carried.

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Approval of the Minutes: The October 18 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Poje moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

Health and Human Services Updates: Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health & Human Services, provided updates, including about the Active & Thriving Community Grants Program. He reported that the available funding for this program was not fully expended so there will be additional community outreach. He announced that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Budget Policy Committee will have a joint meeting with the School Board on November 23 to discuss the budget outlook. The last BOS Health and Human Services Committee meeting for the year will be on December 14 and will include updates on the UpTogether initiative and behavioral health services. After the updates, it was requested that Leonard provide an update at a future meeting on the mental health challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Innovation Fund: Tom Goodwin provided background on the Innovation Challenge, Innovation Fund, and the UpTogether initiative. UpTogether will be launched as a pilot program using Innovation Fund money. It is a strengths-based economic mobility pilot that will provide a basic income to pilot participants. The project is data-driven with a focus on equity. It was noted that there will be \$200,000 remaining for other projects and encouraged members to share ideas for future projects. Various ideas were shared about using the remaining funds for projects like a mental health initiative, housing, business co-op, philanthropic partnerships, food insecurity, and projects that would assist individuals and families with the highest need.

State Budget Hearing: Chair Menapace reported that on January 8, 2022, the Fairfax County delegation of the General Assembly will host a public hearing at the Government Center to hear from residents about the state budget and legislative priorities. Menapace intends to testify on behalf of the Council and asked for input about topics that she can emphasize in her testimony, including housing and youth behavioral health.

HSC Partners Portal: Jill Clark demoed the new HSC Partners Portal site, which is designed to allow non-county staff to access a SharePoint site. This site will have a repository of HSC documents so members can easily access information and reference historical documents as they create future budget letters and testimony. On November 16, she will email members their username and password and encouraged them to check out the site and email her with feedback.

Member Sharing: Jerry Poje provided an update on the Affordable Housing Advisory Council (AHAC) and announced that on December 10, AHAC will meet to hear a presentation from the county's Chief Equity Officer, Karla Bruce, on the impact of housing on communities of color. Chair Menapace provided an update on the Consolidated Community Funding Pool. Steven Bloom agreed to be a representative on the HHS Resource Plan work group, which will work on a redesign of the plan.

Chair's Report: Chair Menapace noted that Clark developed a 2022 calendar with their meeting dates and other key dates related to their work like the release of the county budget. Chair Menapace noted that with Christmas falling the same week as the December meeting date, it may be challenging to reach a quorum. HSC members were polled on their availability, and it was decided to move forward with the December 20 meeting.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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