

## Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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**HSC Members Present:** Michele Menapace (Chair/Lee), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Robert Faherty (Lee), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Tianja Grant (Providence), William Kogler (Springfield), Steve Lam (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville), 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:** Kevin Bell (At-Large), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully).

**HSC Members Absent:** Jeff Dannick (Braddock), Leah Ganssle (Sully).

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

**Call to Order:** Human Services Council (HSC) Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 and 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 December 20 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Thomas moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried with noted corrections.

**Health and Human Services Updates:** Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services provided an update on Afghan resettlement. In addition, Leonard reported on efforts to improve access to COVID-19 testing, which has seen an increased demand due to the COVID-19 Omicron variant. He encouraged members to order the free home test kits from the federal government. He also shared information about the Board of Supervisors Personnel Committee meeting on February 1, which will focus on retention and recruitment issues.

**FY 2023 Proposed Budget Preparation:** Vice Chair Wang reported on the HSC Budget Committee's tentative plan for the FY 2023 budget. Christina Jackson, CFO, will present the budget at the February meeting. Other HHS boards, authorities, and commissions (BACs) will be invited to attend that presentation. After the meeting, the other BACs will be provided with a short questionnaire to provide their input about budget priorities, which the HSC will consider during the development of the budget letter and presentation. Staff will draft a budget letter for the Budget Committee to review. The letter will be approved at the HSC meeting on March 21 and then presented to BOS during their Budget Policy Committee meeting on March 29. In addition, the HHS Resource Plan will be updated for the FY 2023 advertised budget release.

**2022 General Assembly Update:** Jill Clark reported that the General Assembly kicked off on January 12. There are over 2,500 bills introduced this year with key themes to include education, public safety, voting, gun control, and COVID-19. There are also many bills related to mental health. Clark offered to share information about upcoming BOS Legislative Committee meetings and keep members updated about HHS-related legislation.

**Member Sharing:** Poje reported that the Housing Symposium will take place on March 17. The BOS is having a groundbreaking ceremony on January 27 for One University, a new affordable housing project that will have both senior and student housing. Thweatt provided highlights of the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team's December 2021 meeting to include an endorsement on budget funding requests, an update on the Hospital Diversion Pilot Project, and the Equitable School Readiness Strategic Plan. Machowsky noted that he is chairing the Mason District Site Specific Plan Amendment Task Force, which is moving forward with a plan amendment that would create opportunities for senior affordable housing. Additional details will be distributed to members via email.

**Chair's Report:** Chair Menapace reported that the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee is finalizing the draft one-year action plan. Menapace and Bloom recently attended the first meeting of the HHS Resource Plan Redesign Workgroup. She reminded members of the roster of HHS BACs that was shared earlier today and requested that each member identify a BAC that they want to engage with and attend their meetings so that the HSC is aware of their activities and priorities, which will help the HSC fulfill its mission. Menapace added that the Commission on Women and the Disability Services Board have vacancies and to spread the word.

**Adjournment:** Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

*Minutes captured by Coleman.*

## Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2022

6 p.m.

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**HSC Members Excused:** Jeff Dannick (Braddock)

**HSC Members Absent:** Steve Lam (Springfield)

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

**Call to Order:** Human Services Council (HSC) Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 6 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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**FY 2023 Advertised Budget Presentation:** Christina Jackson, Chief Financial Officer, presented on the Fairfax County FY 2023 advertised budget. She reported that one of the priorities is county staff compensation, which will help address staff retention and recruitment challenges. The budget was built on the existing real estate tax rate and includes an \$80 million balance for the Board's consideration. The budget also funds investments in Board priorities, including affordable housing, Diversion First, opioid use prevention efforts, public safety staffing, and the new Language Access Program. Jackson noted that with significant increases in real estate and vehicles values, most residents will pay more unless there are changes to the tax rates, which will be discussed at an upcoming BOS Budget Policy Committee meeting. Jackson shared the timeline for the budget process and how residents can provide input about the budget. After her presentation, she answered questions about tax relief, inflation, affordable housing, and ARPA funding.

**Joint HSC and HHS BAC Representatives' Discussion:** Chair Menapace reported that the HSC is interested in the Board, Authorities, and Commissions' (BACs) priorities and concerns about the budget. A short online questionnaire will be sent out following the meeting to all HHS BAC staff coordinators for BACs to complete by March 15. She noted that the HSC will present its budget testimony at the BOS Budget Policy Committee on March 29.

Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services presented additional information about the HHS-related items in the advertised budget. Leonard also shared an overview of the FY 2023 HHS Resource

Plan. He reported that there is a workgroup of staff and community partners working on redeveloping the Resource Plan to align to the countywide strategic plan, Needs Assessment, and One Fairfax, as well as reflect the totality of HHS investments, including housing investments.

Leonard answered questions from the Council about the release of data for the annual Point-in-Time Count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness and the potential impact of tax changes at the state level. He also noted that a new HHS Needs Assessment is expected later this year.

There was also a question on whether the Council will support a committed stream of funding for affordable housing. Menapace noted that the HSC Budget Committee will be considering recommendations like that as they develop the HSC's budget letter. Alis Wang, Vice Chair of the Council, explained the process and timeline for the completion of the budget letter for the BOS.

Menapace announced that the Council is now regularly engaging each HHS BAC and HSC members have each been assigned a BAC to liaison with and keep the Council updated about so that the Council will be more aware of emerging issues and concerns. There will be further engagement with HHS BACs on the redesign of the HHS Resource Plan later this year.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The January 24 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Poje moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

**Member Sharing:** Jerry Poje reported that Tom Fleetwood, director of Department of Housing and Community Development, and his staff presented on the budget at the most recent meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Council. He plans to forward the presentation to the HSC. Lanita Thweatt shared information on the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team's Workforce Readiness and My Brother's Keeper initiatives, which were discussed at the February meeting. She will share additional details via email. Chris Falcon shared that he attended a recent Child Care Advisory Council meeting and his concerns on the affordability of child care. Menapace noted that the Advisory Social Services Board and the Health Care Advisory Board are the only BACs that still need coverage.

**Chair's Report:** Chair Menapace reported that the workgroup for the HHS Resource Plan has been meeting and will be sharing updates as the work continues. She will also send a list of the HSC liaisons for the HHS BACs so that members can see which BACs still need an HSC liaison.

**Adjournment:** Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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## Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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**HSC Members Absent:** Kevin Bell (At-Large), Jeff Dannick (Braddock), and Steven Lam (Springfield).

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

**Call to Order:** Human Services Council (HSC) Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Chair Menapace took attendance and made the requisite motions required for virtual meetings as part of Virginia FOIA compliance. Thomas 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 February 28 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Faherty 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, reported they have been preparing for various Board of Supervisors (BOS) committee meetings and encouraged the group to watch the recordings. Recent NIP items/memos to the BOS included updates on the Department of Family Services' child welfare transformation work and early childhood. Leonard added that a new compilation of budget Q&As will soon be posted on the Department of Management and Budget's website.

**Review and Approval of the FY 2023 Advertised Budget Letter to Board of Supervisors:** Menapace acknowledged that the Council had a compressed timeframe to develop its budget letter so provided an opportunity for members to share additional recommendations and edits for the draft budget letter. She shared her appreciation for Alis Wang's leadership on the Budget Committee and committee members for their work in developing the draft letter.

The draft letter was reviewed by paragraph and Council members recommended edits and provided clarification on some topics, including using Machowsky's recommended language for the real estate tax rate and associated revenues, adding language that the Council supports *at least* a \$2.3 million increase in HHS contracts, and adding data about people with disabilities. Data for 2021 opioid overdose emergency visits will also be added to the final version. The Council also added language to clarify that the topics are listed alphabetically and not ranked or prioritized.

**Legislative Update:** Jill Clark reported that General Assembly adjourned on March 12. They have unfinished business due to not passing the state budget yet. About 43 bills were carried over to a “soon to be determined” special session date. The biggest challenge is resolving the differences in how to address the state surplus. Clark reported that she will have a more comprehensive update in an upcoming meeting once the budget is adopted.

**Member Sharing:** New HSC appointee, Adwoa Rey from the Mt. Vernon District, was introduced by Menapace. Rey shared some of her experience and background.

Poje reported that the recordings and presentation materials from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Symposium on Affordable Housing is now online. Grant reported that she connected with the Council to End Domestic Violence. They were enthusiastic about working with HSC.

**Chair’s Report:** Menapace reported that she will be sending out the final list of HHS BACs that HSC members have volunteered to liaison with. She also plans to send letters on behalf of the Council out to the HHS BAC chairs introducing the respective liaisons and informing them of the HSC’s intent to have a liaison attend their meetings to keep the HSC informed of the key issues of other BACs. Menapace will be presenting the HSC’s budget recommendation at BOS Budget Policy Committee meeting on March 29.

**Adjournment:** Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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## Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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**HSC Members Excused:** Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville), Adwoa Rey (Mt. Vernon), and Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock).

**HSC Members Absent:** Kevin Bell (At-Large), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), and Steven Lam (Springfield).

**Staff Present:** Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Sarah Allen (Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)), Anne-Marie Twohie (NCS), Flor Philips (NCS), Jill Clark (NCS), and VeeVee Coleman (NCS).

**Call to Order:** Human Services Council (HSC) Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Chair Menapace took attendance and made the requisite motions required for virtual meetings as part of Virginia FOIA compliance. Poje 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 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 March 21 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Poje moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

**Presentation on School Readiness:** Anne-Marie Twohie, director of the Office for Children and Flor Philips, deputy director of the Office for Children, presented on school readiness and child care. The presentation highlighted the different types of early childhood experiences, recommendations from the Equitable School Readiness Strategic Plan, child care affordability, and the Ready Regions initiative. They also shared data about children served and the supply and demand of child care pre-pandemic and now. Early childhood programs have received federal COVID-19 relief funding, which has been used to help child care centers remain open during the pandemic and to temporarily expand child care subsidies. These programs have benefited from grant programs and state grants using federal funds.

**Health and Human Services Updates:** Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health & Human Services, reminded the HSC of the two Board memos (NIPs) that were recently shared via email about youth nonfatal overdoses and panhandling. Leonard noted that the County is partnering with FCPS to provide educational webinars on youth substance use trends and supports in April. Regarding panhandling, he mentioned that the County continues to dispatch outreach workers to encourage individuals who are panhandling to seek wrap-around services. Leonard also reminded the HSC that the link to the FY 2023 budget Q&As were sent out and

encouraged members to review them. Budget mark-up will be on April 26 and the Board will adopt the budget on May 10.

Leonard also answered questions concerning HHS issues and the mental health challenges caused by the pandemic. He recommended that they continue to invite agencies to present about specific programs and issues. Menapace noted that the Council is planning to invite more HHS directors and subject matter experts to upcoming HSC meetings.

**HSC's FY 2023 Budget Presentation:** Menapace reported that her presentation to the Board on the HSC's budget recommendations was well-received. The Board asked some good follow-up questions, made suggestions for topics HSC might study more in-depth, and also appeared concerned about funding contract rate adjustments for nonprofit partners via HHS agency contracts.

**Member Sharing:** Poje reported that the next Affordable Housing Advisory Commission will be on May 20. This group is meeting in-person with a hybrid structure, and he suggested that the HSC consider returning to in-person meetings. Thweatt said the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team met on March 20 and discussed school readiness efforts and Healthy Minds Fairfax, as well as conducted a focus group session on behavioral health. In addition, she attended her first Commission for Women meeting and noted that they are actively recruiting to fill several vacancies. Menapace reported that the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee met and focused on the FY 2023 One-Year Action Plan, which describes how Fairfax County intends to use the Federal Funds to meet the needs established in the Consolidated Plan and is based on the goals and strategies established in the Consolidated Plan. Two tools were developed for the Technical Advisory Committee containing a wealth of demographic data, including, but not limited to income, poverty, nutrition, food security, health, digital access, youth, and housing, which she will disseminate after the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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## Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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**HSC Members Excused:** Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill) and Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill).

**HSC Members Absent:** Jeff Dannick (Braddock), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), and Martin Machowsky (At-Large).

**Staff Present:** Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS)), Daryl Washington (Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board), Sarah Allen (Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)), Jill Clark (NCS), and VeeVee Coleman (NCS).

**Call to Order:** HSC Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Chair Menapace took attendance and made the requisite motions required for virtual meetings as part of Virginia FOIA compliance. Poje 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 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. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The April 18 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Faherty moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried with noted corrections and one abstention by Winter.

**Health and Human Services Updates:** Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for HHS, reported that the County's FY 2023 budget was passed. During mark-up, the Board of Supervisors added \$825,000 for HHS contract rate increases and \$10 million for affordable housing. He noted that the HSC's budget presentation to the Board was well-received. He referenced the three Board memos (NIPs) that he shared recently about Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities (SPARC) funds from Virginia Housing, the 2022 Point-in-Time Count of People Experiencing Homelessness, and the 2022 Nonprofit Sustainability Grants.

**Presentation on the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board (CSB):** Daryl Washington, executive director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB), provided an update on CSB services and the psychiatric hospital bed crisis. The presentation highlighted trends on service utilization, outpatient time to treatment, waiting lists, and service capacity.

Washington reported that there is a psychiatric bed crisis in Fairfax with adults and youth experiencing a crisis waiting eight or more hours for a psychiatric bed daily. Due to state law, if a bed is not available within 72 hours,

a person under a temporary detention order (TDO) can no longer be held. This trend is going up and is exacerbated by individuals from other parts of the state under a TDO who are transported to Northern Virginia for emergency services.

A heatmap was shared that illustrates by zip code areas where Fairfax County provided the highest per capita emergency services in 2021. He shared data that track individuals that wait in local emergency rooms under psychiatric boarding.

Washington answered questions about how CSB is responding to the influx of cases from out-of-state, how to solve shortage of beds, and prioritization of Fairfax County residents and explained why some clients cannot be served at the Merrifield location. He also answered questions regarding suicide prevention among youth.

They are exploring a partnership with George Mason University to make their intern programs more robust to help with coverage. Washington will get data regarding youth suicide rates, and he recommended that the Council reach to Department of Family Services for data on domestic violence.

**Member Sharing:** Chair Menapace reported on behalf of Poje that the Affordable Housing Advisory Council will meet on May 20. The Dominion Square West project for the development of 175 affordable homes was launched. In addition, the Lamb Center and Wesley Housing have partnered to build housing for those who are experiencing homeless in the City of Fairfax.

**Chair's Report:** Menapace announced that Lanita Thweatt has resigned from the HSC and she will need to appoint a new HSC member to the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team. She reported that the Consolidated Community Funding Pool FY 2023-2024 awards were announced.

**Adjournment:** Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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## Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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**HSC Members Excused:** Jeff Dannick (Braddock) and Christopher Falcon (Mason)

**HSC Members Absent:** Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill)

**Staff Present:** Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Pallas Washington (Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)), Kristen Brennan (NCS), Jessica Rhoades (NCS), and Viola Coleman (NCS).

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

Vice Chair Wang 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. Vice Chair Wang moved to approve conducting the meeting electronically. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Wang 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 May 16 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Foltz moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

**Health and Human Services Updates:** Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS), reminded the HSC of the Board memo (NIP) that was recently shared with them on the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program. Leonard noted that the County was able to keep up with rental needs for residents and their landlords. Fairfax County was one of two Virginia counties that administered its own rental assistance program due to the existing infrastructure already in place rather than participating in the state program. By the end of June, approximately \$69 million will be allocated in rental assistance. As of June 30, the ERA I and II programs will no longer be accepting applications because all funding will be exhausted. A request to the US Treasury for additional funds is in process. The County will begin accepting applications for the ERA Bridge Program on July 1, which will offer short-term assistance to eligible County residents while beginning to transition back to pre-COVID-19 basic needs assistance operations and funding levels.

Leonard encouraged the Council to view the [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\) Housing Committee meeting on June 14 \[view archived meeting video\]](#) where the Board discussed the ERA program, affordable housing, and homelessness. He also noted that the BOS Housing Committee meeting in November 2022 will focus on homelessness. Leonard announced that the next BOS HHS Committee meeting will take place on July 26; he will share the meeting agenda items at the July HSC meeting.

**Communities of Opportunity, Inclusive Engagement Framework, and Placed-Based Initiatives Presentation:**

Pallas Washington, deputy director of NCS, presented on Communities of Opportunity, the Inclusive Engagement Framework, and Placed-Based Initiatives. Kristen Brennan, prevention coordination specialist at NCS, presented on Opportunity Neighborhoods, Neighborhood Initiatives Program, and Community Schools.

Washington shared the importance of studying how residents of Fairfax County show up, how they are engaged, and what access they have to be part of the decision making for challenges, initiatives, and programs that affect and impact them. She shared a draft of the core principles of Fairfax County Engagement and discussed key components of inclusive engagement. Washington highlighted the “uneven opportunity landscape” in Fairfax County and reported how has intentionally created place-based initiatives along the darker blue areas to create more opportunities and reduce vulnerability. Washington reported there is a pilot in place, Community Plus, that provides a method of implementing communities of opportunity.

Kristen Brennan reported that Neighborhood Initiatives Program (NIP) is the strategy used to partner with nonprofits for place-based work around the County. Brennan reported that there are now five Opportunity Neighborhood sites around the County. She provided an example of Inclusive Community Engagement results and talked about initiatives planned for FY 2023 centered around four themes: career and asset development, community safety and security, enrichment for children, youth, and teens, and welcoming communities of services. She also shared information about Community Schools, which align existing resources, develop partnerships to address gaps and barriers, and engage the local community.

Washington and Brennan answered questions regarding program expansion (i.e., Centreville and Chantilly areas), data on the impact of vulnerability areas, incorporating capacity building, and how the Council members can assist with this work. There was also discussion on the Innovation Challenge and its relatedness to Targeted Interventions. Washington also shared the link for the [Vulnerability Index](#).

**Member Sharing:** There was discussion about the Innovation Challenge funding. Menapace announced the resignation of Council member Grant. She noted that the Council is not positioned yet to return in-person meetings yet due to various reasons, including the intricacies of having a hybrid meeting. Ganssle reported that the Health Care Advisory Board submitted a proposal to develop a medical detox and residential treatment center, which will be disseminated after the meeting.

**Chair’s Report:** Menapace reported that the Fairfax Food Council and the Community Provider Strategy Team is having a meeting to discuss the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. A survey will be part of the feedback to the upcoming conference.

**Adjournment:** Vice Chair Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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**HSC Members Excused:** Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), and Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock).

**HSC Members Absent:** Kevin Bell (At-Large) and Adwoa Rey (Mt. Vernon).

**Staff Present:** Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Michelle Gregory (Management and Budget), Jill Clark (Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)), and Viola Coleman (NCS).

**Call to Order:** Human Services Council (HSC) Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Chair Menapace took attendance and made the requisite motions required for virtual meetings as part of Virginia FOIA compliance.

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. Poje 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. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The June 27, 2022 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Foltz moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

**Health and Human Services Updates:** Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS), reminded the HSC of the Board memo (NIP) that was recently shared with them on the Needs Assessment 2022, which is produced every three years. He noted that HHS agencies use the Needs Assessment to guide their strategic planning and resource planning. He announced that application for the 2022 Nonprofit Sustainability Grants will be released by the end of July, which will provide \$6 million to support local nonprofits.

Leonard reminded the HSC that the next Board of Supervisors (BOS) HHS Committee meeting will be on July 26 at 9:30 a.m. Topics will include youth behavioral health, early childhood education, and the Park Authority equity initiatives. He also noted that the FY 2022 carryover package will be released on August 2 and the BOS will approve it in October 2022. There will be several funding items related to HHS in the carryover package.

Leonard answered questions about the new 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number, hyperthermia resources in place across the County, and power outages.

**Presentation on Needs Assessment 2022:** Michelle Gregory, countywide data analytics coordinator in the Department of Management and Budget, presented on the Needs Assessment 2022. Gregory shared the

purpose and background of it and how it aligns with Countywide Strategic Plan. This year's report will be released in three stages with the first focused on economic factors. A new feature is the inclusion of a web-based story map capturing the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and conditions such as high inflation. Gregory reported that the two other parts of the Needs Assessment that will be released later this year focus on health and transportation. After the presentation, members asked questions related to data trends, inequities, and wealth-building indicators.

**HHS Resource Plan Update:** Jill Clark, senior HHS policy and program analyst, provided an update on the Strategic Allocation of Resources (StAR), formally known as the HHS Resource Plan. She shared the history of the Plan and its use and purpose. Clark reported that a workgroup developed a new framework for StAR, which is aligned to the Countywide Strategic Plan and Needs Assessment. She shared that StAR is the "how" in the operationalization of the Countywide Strategic Plan. Clark presented the StAR process with an illustrated four-stage timeline. She provided priority area examples and discussed next steps, which include an implementation workgroup and stakeholder engagement. It was noted during the Q&A part that the County should leverage its funding whenever possible through public-private partnerships to maximize the investment in new initiatives.

**Member Sharing:** Tom Goodwin provided an update for the Innovation Fund and the universal basic income pilot. He reported that the planning committee now has definition of "economic mobility" that will guide the efforts. He also noted that NCS staff are working on a framework for future projects, which will be shared at an upcoming HSC meeting.

Menapace reported that Thomas will be the new HSC representative on the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team. Poje reported that he is now serving on the Executive Committee with the Affordable Housing Advisory Council.

Jeff Dannick announced his resignation from the HSC due to other responsibilities. Members shared their appreciation for his years of services and wished him well.

**Chair's Report:** Menapace reported that the Consolidated Community Funding Pool funding was awarded in June. This was the first cycle using the redesigned process so there may be additional tweaks in the next cycle.

**Adjournment:** Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

*Minutes captured by Coleman.*

## Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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or telephone 602-333-0032, 888-270-9936 (U.S. Toll Free), conference code 926143

**HSC Members Present:** Michele Menapace (Chair/Lee), Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason), Kevin Bell (At-Large), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), William Kogler (Springfield), Steven Lam (Springfield), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Adwoa Rey (Mt. Vernon), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), and Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock).

**HSC Members Excused:** Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville).

**HSC Members Absent:** Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Robert Faherty (Lee), and Leah Ganssle (Sully).

**Staff Present:** Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Sarah Allen (Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Ramona Carroll (NCS), Jill Clark (NCS), Viola Coleman (NCS), Jenifer Henry-Jones (NCS), Norma Lopez (NCS), and Katina Matthews (NCS).

**Call to Order:** Human Services Council (HSC) Vice-Chair Wang called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Vice-Chair Wang took attendance and made the requisite motions required for virtual meetings as part of Virginia FOIA compliance.

Vice-Chair Wang 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. Vice-Chair Wang moved to approve conducting the meeting electronically. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Winter 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. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The July 18, 2022 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Foltz moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

**Health and Human Services Updates:** Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS) reminded the HSC of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) memos (NIPs) that were recently shared with them. He noted that one of the NIPs outlines resources available in extreme heat for people experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. He informed that a workgroup was currently exploring strategies to enhance the County's response during heat emergencies. He also reminded the HSC that the next BOS HHS Committee meeting will be on October 4 and the next BOS Housing Committee meeting will be on November 22.

Leonard announced that a webpage has been developed on reproductive health care to inform residents of the status of Virginia law and a link to accessing information about services in the Human Services Resource Guide. He said a new multidisciplinary workgroup will work with Government Relations staff to analyze any new legislation that is introduced during the 2023 session.

He added that the carryover package features several HHS items, including funding for child care, a new community center, and new family shelter. Leonard also noted that the County was able to access additional Emergency Rental Assistance funds from the Treasury Department, which will be used for the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Bridge Program.

**HHS Innovation Challenge Fund:** Patrice Wood shared the background and history of the Innovation Challenge that she and Tom Goodwin have been championing for the past several years. Jenifer Henry-Jones and Norma Lopez, and Katina Matthews provided an update on the 2022 HHS Innovation Challenge Fund. They shared the fund's purpose, goals, eligibility, process, timeline, and monitoring and communications plan. Henry-Jones noted that by focusing on economic opportunity, the Fund aligns with existing county initiatives and strategies to address barriers to economic mobility among the most vulnerable residents in the County. She noted that \$200,000 will be awarded to businesses and nonprofits with two awards of \$50,000 and four awards of \$25,000.

Matthews reported that there will be a new procurement process and therefore the timeline is still under development. They are hoping to launch this effort in Fall 2022 with an award in Winter 2023. She added that there will be an opportunity for HSC representation on the selection advisory committee to evaluate proposals.

**Adoption of the HSC Remote Participation and All-Virtual Meetings Policies:** Due to a new state law that takes effect September 1, Chair Menapace announced that the HSC will need to adopt remote participation and all-virtual meeting policies for the HSC to allow members to participate remotely and for certain meetings to be conducted virtually.

Menapace noted that there are exemptions in place that allows for those to participate remotely due to a disability or being a family caregiver to someone with a disability. It would take new legislation to be passed in the 2023 General Assembly session to modify the law.

Chair Menapace stated that there are issues to resolve once the local state of emergency is lifted, including establishing a process to have a quorum in-person, securing meeting space at the Government Center due to vaccine clinics and in-person voting, and ensuring that the meeting space is equipped with technology to support a hybrid meeting.

Menapace moved to approve the two policies as written. Machowsky made a motion and was seconded by Winter. The motion carried.

**Member Sharing:** Follow-up meeting materials will be sent out tomorrow, including Poje's resources on affordable housing.

**Chair's Report:** Menapace encouraged HSC members to contact their supervisors and state legislators with any concerns regarding the new state law for remote participation and all-virtual public meetings.

**Adjournment:** Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

*Minutes captured by Coleman.*



## Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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**HSC Members Present:** Michele Menapace (Chair/Franconia), Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason), Kevin Bell (At-Large), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Robert Faherty (Franconia), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Leah Ganssle (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), William Kogler (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Adwoa Rey (Mt. Vernon), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), and Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock).

**HSC Members Absent:** Steven Lam (Springfield).

**Staff Present:** Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Sarah Allen (Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Elisa Lueck (NCS), Jill Clark (NCS), Viola Coleman (NCS).

**Call to Order:** Human Services Council (HSC) Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Chair Menapace took attendance and made the requisite motions required for virtual meetings as part of Virginia FOIA compliance.

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 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. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Menapace reported that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) were considering lifting the State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is her understanding that no action will be taken until the end of this year. The Council will continue to meet virtually until further notice.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The August 15, 2022 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Poje moved to approve the minutes and was seconded with a minor correction. The motion carried.

**Health and Human Services Updates:** Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS) reminded the HSC of the Board memo (NIP) that was shared last week on the Economic Mobility Pilot Project of which some of the funding from the Innovation Fund will be used. The intent is to launch the project by early 2023. Leonard confirmed the number of participating families and the plan to obtain data.

Leonard announced that the 2021-2022 Youth Survey was released. He said it shows a substantial rise in mental health challenges among youth. He encouraged the Council to review it. There was some discussion on youth suicide, mental health stigma, and the protection of student information.

He informed the Council that the BOS Older Adults Committee meeting will be on September 20 and there will be a presentation to the Board on a home sharing pilot program and the SHAPE the Future of Aging plan. The BOS Housing Committee will be meeting on September 30 and feature presentations on affordable housing and the Manufactured Housing Task Force recommendations. The BOS Health and Human Services Committee will meet on October 4 and feature presentations on the Meals on Wheels program and the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT).

Leonard announced that the 2022 Nonprofit Sustainability Grant will award \$6 million to nonprofit partners that provide critical safety net services. Funds are anticipated to be disbursed this fall.

**2023 HSC Calendar:** Menapace shared the 2023 HSC calendar, which will help keep track of deadlines such as developing budget testimony and establishing a nominating committee for the HSC chair and vice chair positions. Menapace added that Tom Fleetwood, director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, will be presenting at the October meeting.

**Member Sharing:** Menapace reported that Inclusive Pathways to Success may present at a future meeting. The Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) elected a new chair and vice chair; however, the new chair had to resign due to his new job. CCFAC and the Community Action Advisory Board will be conducting more regular meetings, including possibly more joint meetings, to share more information for Request for Proposals.

Poje reported that the Affordable Housing Advisory Council Executive Committee met on September 16.

Thomas reported that the next SCYPT meeting is on September 28. He shared that he has been getting up to speed on all their work.

Clark reported that the Department of Clerk Services is aware of the HSC vacancies and that BOS members may be appointing new HSC members at upcoming BOS meetings.

**Adjournment:** Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

*Minutes captured by Coleman.*

**Human Services Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 17, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**HSC Members Present:** Michelle Menapace (Chair, Franconia), Kevin Bell (At-Large), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Robert Faherty (Franconia), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Leah Ganssle (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence) William Kogler (Springfield), Steven Lam (Springfield), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Adwoa Rey (Mt. Vernon), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), and Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock)

**HSC Members Excused:** Alis Wang (Mason) and Martin Machowsky (At-Large)

**Staff Present:** Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Sarah Allen (Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Jill Clark (NCS), Virginia Eller (NCS), and Tom Fleetwood (Director, Housing and Community Development)

**Call to Order:** Human Services Council (HSC) Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Chair Menapace took attendance and made the requisite motions required for virtual meetings as part of Virginia FOIA compliance.

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 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. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The September 19, 2022 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Foltz moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

**Health and Human Services Updates:** Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS), shared that the FY 2023 carryover budget was approved by the Board of Supervisors last week and included a funding that will provide up to \$15,000 in hiring incentives for hard-to-fill positions to address hiring challenges. The carryover budget also included funding for renovations at early childhood facilities. The Board of Supervisors Health and Human Services Committee meeting on October 4 included a discussion of the current Meals on Wheels delivery model that was implemented during the beginning of the pandemic, a Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT) update, and a Head Start update and governance training.

Leonard also shared that NIPs regarding the Youth Behavioral Health Roundtable, 2022 Child Care Grant Program, and a deeper dive into the Youth Survey data will be forthcoming.

He noted that the Food Access Grant closes on Friday and that the 2022 Child Care Grant will open soon. He also reminded the HSC that the County's annual Hypothermia Program will launch on December 1.

**Department of Housing and Community Development Update:** Tom Fleetwood, director of the Department of Housing and Community Development shared an overview of the agency and about

current and future affordable housing production and preservation projects in the County, which will help meet the goals in the Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan. He also shared information about the Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force and recommendations from the Manufactured Housing Task Force.

HSC members then asked questions related to renovations of existing properties, the Eleanor Kennedy Shelter, evictions support, and the need for more affordable housing.

**Member Updates:** Thomas shared that at the last SCYPT meeting, they discussed mental health initiatives and that there would be action items related to them at the next SCYPT meeting.

Poje shared an update about the Affordable Housing Advisory Council meeting and the work being done to better engage people with lived experience in their work. Menapace noted that CAAB has worked to address transportation and child care challenges to reduce barriers to participation at their meetings.

**Chair's Items:** Menapace noted that CCFAC is looking at priorities for the next funding cycle for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool and will be holding a debriefing session on the current funding cycle's application and selection process. She also noted that the CAAB had Supervisor Lusk present at a recent meeting on the new Workforce Innovation Skills Hub (W.I.S.H. Center) that opened in October at the Hybla Valley Community Center.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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## Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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**HSC Members Present:** Michele Menapace (Chair, Franconia), Robert Faherty (Franconia), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Steven Lam (Springfield), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), Alis Wang (Mason), Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock)

**HSC Members Absent:** Kevin Bell (At-Large), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Leah Ganssle (Sully), William Kogler (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), and Adwoa Rey (Mt. Vernon)

**Staff Present:** Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Sarah Allen (Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Jill Clark (NCS), Virginia Eller (NCS), Jesse Ellis (NCS), Michelle Gregory (DMB), Chloe Lee (DMB), and Lyn Tomlinson (CSB).

**Call to Order:** Human Services Council (HSC) Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Chair Menapace took attendance and made the requisite motions required for virtual meetings as part of Virginia FOIA compliance.

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. Alis Wang moved to approve conducting the meeting electronically. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Alis Wang 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. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The October 17, 2022 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Faherty moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

**Health and Human Services Updates:** Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS), reminded the HSC about the four Board memos that were circulated earlier this month on homelessness, use of ARPA/SLFRF funds for affordable housing, the Youth Behavioral Health Roundtable, and the 2022 Child Care Grant Program. He also noted there are several Board of Supervisors Committee meetings tomorrow, including Housing, Legislative, and a Budget Policy Committee with the School Board.

**Youth Mental Health Report:** Chloe Lee and Jesse Ellis shared the Youth Mental Health Report, which provides a deeper dive into the 2021-2022 Youth Survey data, which was administered to students in November 2021. The results show mental health concerns among youth are rising and there are disproportionate levels of risk on vulnerable and marginalized populations.

HSC members asked questions related how the data compared to national averages, whether it was possible to identify students most due to the survey's anonymity, and how the survey was administered.

**Member Sharing:** Goodwin shared an update about the Economic Mobility Pilot Project, which is tentatively scheduled to launch in February and will use Innovation Challenge Funds. Goodwin reviewed a framework with suggested messaging about the program.

**Chair's Items:** Chair Menapace noted that the CAAB and CCFAC did not have meetings in November, but that CCFAC debriefed the RFP process and is looking to engage its nonprofit partners for additional feedback.

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

*Minutes captured by Eller*

## **Human Services Council Meeting Minutes**

December 19, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Minutes will be added once approved at the January 23, 2023 general body meeting.