

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
Human Services Council
GENERAL BODY MEETING

**Monday, March 21, 2022 at
7:00 p.m.**

will be held electronically due to the
COVID-19 pandemic.

Live Zoom meeting may be accessed:

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Conference code: 457970

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AGENDA

<i>Call to Order</i>	Michele Menapace (Chair)
<i>Roll Call (Motions to Proceed with Electronic Mtg)</i>	Michele Menapace (Chair)
<i>Approve February Meeting Minutes</i>	Michele Menapace (Chair)
<i>Health and Human Services Update</i>	Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services)
<i>Review and Approve FY 2023 Advertised Budget Letter to Board of Supervisors</i>	Alis Wang (Vice Chair)
<i>Legislative Update</i>	Jill Clark (HSC staff)
<i>Member Sharing</i>	HSC members
<i>Chair's Report</i>	Michele Menapace (Chair)
<i>Adjourn</i>	Michele Menapace (Chair)

Next HSC General Membership Meeting: **April 18, 2022, 7 p.m.**

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Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2022

6:00 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), 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), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Tianja Grant (Providence), William Kogler (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), 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: Jeff Dannick (Braddock).

HSC Members Absent: Steve 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 6:00 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.

FY 2023 Advertised Budget Presentation: Christina Jackson, Chief Financial Officer for the County Executive, presented on the Fairfax County's FY 2023 overall advertised budget. She reported that one of the priorities is county staff compensation and that the county is addressing staff retention and recruitment issues. Some of the adjustments in the budget proposal are integrated from funding from the federal government with stimulus dollars. There is growth in real estate and property values.

Some of the highlights include that the budget is built on the existing real estate tax rate, the school operating requests are fully funded, the proposal includes funding for a full county compensation program, funds investments are being proposed in the Board of Supervisors (BOS) priorities with long standing programs, and funding for capital improvement planning will be included.

Jackson shared a chart and discussed the annual change in general fund revenue. With personal property tax projections, the value of new and used vehicles continue to soar, which will impact the taxpayers. A few months ago, the Board approved an expansion to our tax relief program for seniors and those who are disabled, and five million was redirected for affordable housing.

There is a significant backlog of outstanding unissued bonds because of project delays due to the pandemic. Additional funding was added for health school nurses. Further, there are three BOS Budget Committee meetings in March, and she shared the FY 2023 Budget Timeline.

Jackson answered several questions about the budget associated with tax relief, real estate assessment, inflation, trends, etc. So far, 30 million was allotted for affordable housing out of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, which may increase over time due to the second tranche of funds. Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS) added that due to the robust infrastructure of our nonprofit community based organizations, we have been able to pivot quickly and get resources to those in need.

Joint HSC and HHS BAC Representatives' Discussion: Chair Menapace reported that the HSC is interested in the Board, Authorities, and Commission's (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 Budget Committee will present a budget testimony to the BOS Budget Policy Committee on March 29.

Leonard said the top priority is compensation and recruitment issues, whereas the Board is working to solve. Several of the funding needs have been addressed with other resources, e.g., ARPA. Focusing on public health is paramount, including removing items that are not specific to public health, to include focusing on investments in school health which is a gap statewide.

He shared a presentation on empowerment and support for residents facing vulnerability; cultural and recreational opportunities; economic opportunities, and noted that the county did not have the same issue reopening before/after school care as neighboring jurisdictions did due to not relying heavily on contract support. He also presented on housing and neighborhood livability.

Leonard presented an overview of the FY 2023 HHS Resource Plan. He reported that there is a workgroup of staff and partners working on developing a new plan, which will be implemented next year to align the plan to the Countywide Strategic Plan. He said he hopes to engage the housing funding streams with the new plan. HHS Legislative/Policy Analyst, Jill Clark added that they will be sending out the form to the BACs to provide feedback on the budget.

Leonard answered questions from the Council. He will get back to the group on the possibility of incorporating numbers to the HSC budget proposal from the most recent Point-in-Time Count on Homelessness and will follow up on the impact of tax changes at the state level, on residential property owners, seniors, etc. A Needs Assessment should be released in 2022, calendar year. Menapace added that the Commission on Women is working on a survey regarding the impact on women.

There was 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 incorporating comments such as this to the final recommendations. Alis Wang, Vice Chair of the Council, explained the process and timeline for the completion of the budget letter for the BOS.

NCS Deputy Director, Sarah Allen, will follow up with the group on a question regarding Food for Others' expansion.

Menapace said that the Council is now regularly engaging each BAC that is related to HHS and assigning members to attend the meetings or reviewing the meeting minutes to share at each Council meeting. Assigning these HSC liaisons will help the Council be more aware of emerging, priority issues of concerns to advise the BOS and constituents.

There was a suggestion to have the Council include BACs on discussions concerning the Resource Plan as they share many of the issues and concerns.

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 Housing of Community Development, and his team presented on the budget at the most recent meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Council. He plans to forward the presentation to the HSC chairs. Thweatt shared information on the additional initiatives, Workforce Readiness and My Brother's Keeper, that were discussed at the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team February meeting. She will pass on the link to the detailed report. Chris Falcon said that he attended the monthly Health Care Advisory Council meeting and while there, shared the work of the Council and his concerns on the affordability of childcare. Michele concluded that the Advisory Social Services Board and the Health Care Advisory Board are the only BACs that they need volunteers to cover.

Chair's Report: Chair Menapace reported that the workgroup for the Resource Plan met and will be sharing updates as the work continues. She will soon share a list of the HSC liaisons for the BACs.

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

Minutes captured by Coleman.

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