

Fairfax County Human Services Council
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023, 7 p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 11

HSC Members Present: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Robert Faherty (Franconia), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Michele Menapace (Chair/Franconia), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Maria Posey (Braddock), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason), and Edward Yost (Sully). Barbara Broman (Mt. Vernon) and Steven Lam (Springfield) participated remotely.

HSC Members Participating Remotely: Barbara Broman and Steven Lam were unable to physically attend the meeting and participated virtually. Remote meeting attendees provided their locations and reason for needing to attend remotely.

HSC Members Excused: Christopher Falcon (Mason) and Thomas Goodwin (Providence).

HSC Members Absent: William Kogler (Springfield).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services, Sarah Allen (Deputy Director, Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Chloe Lee (Data Scientist, Department of Management and Budget), Jill Clark (NCS), and Viola Coleman (NCS).

Call to Order: Human Services Council Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The September 18, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Bell moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

Health and Human Services Monthly Update: Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS), reported that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) HHS Committee will be meeting on October 17. There will be presentations on youth behavioral health, Medicaid unwinding, and the Extreme Heat Response Plan. He said that there was one Board memo (i.e., NIP) on the opioid settlement funds and a forthcoming one on the [Economic Mobility Pilot](#). Leonard also noted that agencies were asked to identify seven percent reductions for the FY 25 budget submissions. On November 28, the BOS Budget Policy Committee will meet jointly with the School Board and updated revenue projections will be shared. He also announced that the Department of Management and Budget is developing a community health metrics dashboard by the end of the year, which is a robust tool that will provide demographic data to identify unmet needs in the county. This dashboard (and subsequent ones around the other Countywide Strategic Plan strategy areas) will replace the HHS Needs Assessment.

Fairfax County Youth Survey: Chloe Lee, Data Scientist, Department of Management and Budget, presented on the results of the [Fairfax County Youth Survey](#). She reported that this anonymous survey was administered electronically to 6th through 12th grade FCPS students and the data is used to monitor trends and identify unmet needs for youth.

Chair's Items: Chair Menapace encouraged members to suggest agenda items for upcoming council meetings.

Member Sharing: Jill Clark, HHS Policy and Planning Manager, shared an update from the [Child Care Advisory Council](#) on Chris Falcon's behalf. Clark also reported that the [HHS Innovation Fund Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) received over 50 applications. Paul Thomas reported that the [Successful Children & Youth Policy Team](#) meeting featured updates on My Brother's Keeper Fairfax Initiative and the Opportunity Youth and School Readiness initiatives. Jerry Poje reported that the [Affordable Housing Advisory Council's](#) upcoming meetings will be on November 2 and December 1. Maria Posey reported that the [Advisory Social Services Board](#) discussed the possible fiscal impact on the federal TANF

funds. Edward Yost reported that the [Commission on Aging](#) completed the first round of meetings for the SHAPE the Future of Aging plan. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 18. Menapace shared that the [Consolidated Community Funding Pool](#) RFP is currently open for the next round of funding. They are looking for community members to volunteer on the Selection Advisory Committee and review and score applications.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes captured by Coleman.