

Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81042557383> with password HSC202!mtg,
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HSC Members Present: Michele Menapace (Chair/Lee), Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason), Jeff Dannick (Braddock), Robert Faherty (Lee), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Rev. 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), and Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill).

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.