

## Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

September 19, 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/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.*