

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.

Minutes captured by Eller.