

Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81042557383> with password is HSC202!mtg

HSC Members Present: Michele Menapace (Chair, Franconia), Robert Faherty (Franconia), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Steven Lam (Springfield), Dr. Fatima Mirza (Dranesville), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), Alis Wang (Mason), Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock)

HSC Members Absent: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Leah Ganssle (Sully), William Kogler (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), and Adwoa Rey (Mt. Vernon)

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Sarah Allen (Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Jill Clark (NCS), Virginia Eller (NCS), Jesse Ellis (NCS), Michelle Gregory (DMB), Chloe Lee (DMB), and Lyn Tomlinson (CSB).

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. Alis Wang moved to approve conducting the meeting electronically. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Alis Wang 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 October 17, 2022 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Faherty 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 about the four Board memos that were circulated earlier this month on homelessness, use of ARPA/SLFRF funds for affordable housing, the Youth Behavioral Health Roundtable, and the 2022 Child Care Grant Program. He also noted there are several Board of Supervisors Committee meetings tomorrow, including Housing, Legislative, and a Budget Policy Committee with the School Board.

Youth Mental Health Report: Chloe Lee and Jesse Ellis shared the Youth Mental Health Report, which provides a deeper dive into the 2021-2022 Youth Survey data, which was administered to students in November 2021. The results show mental health concerns among youth are rising and there are disproportionate levels of risk on vulnerable and marginalized populations.

HSC members asked questions related how the data compared to national averages, whether it was possible to identify students most due to the survey's anonymity, and how the survey was administered.

Member Sharing: Goodwin shared an update about the Economic Mobility Pilot Project, which is tentatively scheduled to launch in February and will use Innovation Challenge Funds. Goodwin reviewed a framework with suggested messaging about the program.

Chair's Items: Chair Menapace noted that the CAAB and CCFAC did not have meetings in November, but that CCFAC debriefed the RFP process and is looking to engage its nonprofit partners for additional feedback.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Minutes captured by Eller