

Fairfax County Human Services Council
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2023, 7 p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 11

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

HSC Members Participating Remotely: Kevin Bell, Christopher Falcon, Maria Posey, and Adwoa Rey 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: Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill) and William Kogler (Springfield).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Jill Clark (Department of Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), and Viola Coleman (NCS).

Call to Order: Human Services Council Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The July 26, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Faherty 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 there is one memo (i.e., NIP) to the Board of Supervisors that will be sent soon providing an update on the local trends on opioid use. He noted that the 2023 Food Access Program received \$7.5 million in funding requests. He also mentioned that the application portal for the [Economic Mobility Pilot](#) opens September 23. He also announced that applications for the [HHS Innovation Fund](#) are being accepted until September 20. Jill Clark, HHS Policy and Planning Manager, added that there will be an information session for interested parties on August 23 and asked that HSC members share this funding opportunity widely.

FY 2023 Carryover Package: Leonard reviewed the HHS-related items in the FY 2023 carryover budget package.

Gloss vs. Wheeler Guidance for Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs): Clark reviewed written guidance shared by the Office of the County Attorney on a recent Virginia Supreme Court decision that has implications on public bodies and public business. She offered to invite the County's legal counsel to a future meeting if additional guidance is needed.

HSC Member Liaison Roles: Chair Menapace asked HSC members to review the liaison roles document and identify the BAC they would like to liaise with at the September meeting.

Member Sharing: Thomas reported that the first [Successful Children & Youth Policy Team](#) meeting of the school year will be held in September. Falcon reported that [Child Care Advisory Council](#) is off for the summer and the next meeting is set for September. Chair Menapace brought up on Poje's behalf a concern raised about panhandling that was discussed at the most recent [Affordable Housing Advisory Council](#) meeting. Rey shared that she will be resigning from the HSC to serve on the [Transportation Advisory Commission](#).

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Minutes captured by Coleman.