

Human Services Council Meeting Minutes January 23, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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HSC Members Present: Michele Menapace (Chair/Franconia), Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason), Kevin Bell (At-Large), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Robert Faherty (Franconia), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), 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: Christopher Falcon (Mason)

HSC Members Absent: Steven Bloom (Dranesville), William Kogler (Springfield), and Steven Lam (Springfield).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Sarah Allen (Department of Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Ramona Carroll (NCS), Lisa Tatum (Department of Family Services [DFS]), Patricia Araujo (DFS), and 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.

Approval of the Minutes: The December 19, 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 Monthly Update: Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS), reminded the Council of the memos (i.e., NIPs) sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) that were recently shared with them about opioid settlements and the unwinding of SNAP and Medicaid pandemic waivers. He reported that they will be presenting to the BOS's HHS Committee in February 2023 on the opioid settlement agreement funds. Leonard also added that the County has been preparing for over a year on the SNAP and Medicaid unwinding and Lisa Tatum will provide more information in her presentation.

Leonard reported that the FY 2024 Advertised Budget will be released on February 21. The County's Chief Financial Officer, Christina Jackson, will present about the budget at the February HSC meeting. The Strategic Allocation of Resources (StAR) Plan, formerly known as the HHS Resource Plan, will be discussed further at the meeting. He encouraged members to attend or watch the BOS Budget Policy Committee and BOS HHS Committee meetings on February 28. Leonard added that these recorded meetings can also be accessed through the [BOS Committee Meetings Video Archive](#).

SNAP and Medicaid Unwinding: DFS' Division Director of Public Assistance and Employment Services, Lisa Tatum and Patty Araujo, Quality Improvement Manager, presented on the upcoming changes to SNAP benefits and Medicaid. During the beginning of the pandemic, the federal government issued policies that provided flexibilities and waivers to support individuals and families during the pandemic. However, Medicaid eligibility will be returning to normal on April 1, 2023 as part of the "unwinding" process. Recipients may start to see a

reduction or termination of benefits in March 2023, but it will be 14-month process for DFS staff to complete Medicaid renewals. Tatum noted that there is a small population who are no longer eligible who may apply through the federal marketplace or may qualify for care through a Federally Qualified Health Center.

Tatum also reported that the SNAP allotment supplement that households received during the pandemic will end in February 2023. In addition, the cost-of-living increases that Social Security recipients received this year may result in a bigger decrease in monthly SNAP allotments starting in March. There has been significant planning for these changes, including a robust communication plan to share information with impacted residents, as well as community partners. Additionally, they will be partnering with NCS to connect residents to emergency food resources.

Food Access Initiatives: Ramona Carroll, NCS' Equity Manager, presented on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Food Access Program (FAP) Funding for community providers. She reported that since the pandemic, strategic partnerships have developed and County, state, and federal funding have contributed to the significant need for food. The FAP was developed to assist with the County's food access needs, support key backbone food organizations, and fund new and innovative practices. She also provided information about the Emergency Food Assistance Response Plan and shared its objectives.

Legislative Update: Sarah Allen provided an update on behalf of Jill Clark, Senior HHS Policy & Program Analyst. Allen reported that the first BOS Legislative Committee meeting took place on and encouraged members to watch the meeting recording. Allen said Clark will have a more thorough update at the February HSC meeting.

Planning for FY 2024 County Budget Testimony: Chair Menapace provided a timeline of important dates that are listed on the HSC calendar. She reported that the county's CFO will be presenting on the County budget at the February HSC meeting. Members from other HHS boards, authorities, and commissions will be invited and have an opportunity to provide feedback. On March 20, the HSC will approve its budget letter and in mid-April, this letter will be presented to the BOS. Paul Thomas and Marty Machowsky volunteered to co-chair the HSC Budget Committee. Menapace encouraged other members to the committee.

Member Sharing: Poje shared that at the recent Affordable Housing Advisory Council (AHAC) meeting, they discussed their budget committee's approach to the 2023 calendar year. He added that AHAC had a discussion with the County's Government Relations Director about the County's lobbying policy. There was also a discussion concerning the one-for-one replacement strategy for affordable housing.

Menapace encouraged members to listen to the recording of the public hearing convened by the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFAC) on behalf of the Department of Housing and Community Development. This recording and materials can be found on the [CCFAC website](#). In addition, she mentioned CCFAC's prior public hearing focused on categories for the next funding cycle. There will also be upcoming public hearings related to the County's housing plans.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

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Human Services Council Meeting Minutes February 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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HSC Members Excused: Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason),

HSC Members Absent: William Kogler (Springfield), and Steven Lam (Springfield).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Christina Jackson (Chief Financial Officer), Sarah Allen (Department of Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Jill Clark (NCS), and 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.

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Menapace conducted a roll call of representatives from various boards, authorities, and commissions (BACs).

Approval of the Minutes: The January 23, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Poje moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

FY 2024 Advertised Budget Presentation: Christina Jackson, Chief Financial Officer for Fairfax County, presented on the FY 2024 Advertised Budget Plan and the FY 2024-28 Capital Improvement Program. She reported that the advertised budget focuses on strengthening the County's workforce and the existing programs. A significant portion is being allocated toward inflationary pressures and contract rate increases. Like last year, the primary driver of revenue growth is residential real estate.

Jackson noted that the first Countywide Strategic Plan Annual Report was released with the budget, which outlines the initial progress the County has made. She provided information about the annual changes in General Fund revenue and major revenue categories. Jackson predicts that the FY 2025 budget will be challenging as revenue projections will depend upon inflation. She also shared the different ways the public can participate in the budget process and the FY 2024 budget timeline.

Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS), encouraged the group to attend or watch the Board of Supervisors HHS and Budget Policy Committee meetings on February 28. Leonard addressed the impact of the unwinding of the federal pandemic benefits and how the County will continue to support basic needs. He also responded to questions about food assistance and the funding process for community organizations.

FY 2024 HHS Strategic Allocation of Resources (StAR): Leonard explained why the former HHS Resource Plan was redeveloped (StAR). Jill Clark, Senior HHS Policy & Program Analyst, provided an overview of the StAR Plan and the enhancements that have been added, including information about the federal pandemic relief funding. She also shared how to navigate and use the plan.

Leonard addressed questions concerning compensation and retention issues, and unallocated budget funds. Sarah Allen, Deputy Director, responded to a question regarding legal aid funding for those at risk of eviction.

Joint HSC and HHS BAC Representatives' Budget Discussion: Menapace solicited comments and concerns from members of HHS boards, commissions, and authorities that will contribute toward the initial draft of the HSC's budget letter to the Board. Paul Thomas added that the Budget Committee meeting dates will be shared soon. He encouraged the HHS BACs to connect with Council members where there is an existing relationship or directly connect with him to share their recommendations and/or concerns about the budget.

Member Sharing: Thomas reported that at the most recent Successful Children and Youth Policy Team meeting, an update was provided on initiatives related to Opportunity Youth and My Brother's Keeper. Falcon shared information about COVID-19 guidance that was shared at the recent Childcare Advisory Council meeting. Mental health, self-care, and conflict resolution/de-escalating training were additional topics covered. Poje said at the recent Affordable Housing Advisory Council Executive Committee meeting, they focused on their budget strategy. He added the 2023 Housing Symposium will take place on March 15 at George Mason University. Menapace reported that the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee finalized a draft of the next funding cycle categories for public comment.

Chair's Report: Menapace reported that she will not be attending the March meeting and encouraged members to be engaged with the work of the Budget Committee.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Minutes captured by Coleman.

Fairfax County Human Services Council Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Location: (primary) Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9/10, Fairfax, VA. Two members participated remotely via Zoom.

A quorum of the Human Services Council (HSC) was physically assembled at the primary location with nine members present. Thomas Goodwin and Adwoa Rey were unable to physically attend the meeting and requested remote participation.

HSC Members Present: Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason), Kevin Bell (At-Large), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence) via remote participation, Steven Lam (Springfield), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Maria Posey (Braddock), Adwoa Rey (Mt. Vernon) via remote participation, and Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill).

HSC Members Excused: Steven Bloom (Dranesville), Michele Menapace (Chair/Franconia), Robert Faherty (Franconia), William Kogler (Springfield), and Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock).

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 Vice-Chair Wang called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Health and Human Services Monthly Update: Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS), reminded the Council of the recent memos (i.e., NIPs) sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) that were shared with them on the Extreme Heat Workgroup's recommendations and the pending stepdown of pandemic-era federal benefits. Leonard reported that the workgroup's recommendations include numerous enhancements for the County's extreme heat response that will be implemented for Summer 2023. Leonard explained that the second NIP provided the Board an update on the HHS system's coordinated response to emergency basic needs assistance for vulnerable residents as federal pandemic-era benefits end.

Review and Adoption of the HSC's FY 2024 Advertised Budget Recommendations: HSC Budget Committee chair, Paul Thomas, presented the draft FY 2024 advertised budget recommendations. He reported that the Budget Committee used last year's process to incorporate feedback from other HHS boards, authorities, and commissions. Thomas noted that the bulleted items are budget items included in the advertised budget that the HSC supports and that the other recommendations for funding consideration are categorized by topic.

HSC discussed the implications of the Board lowering the the real estate tax rate and whether to address that specifically in the letter, and whether they should include the recommendation of dedicating an additional half penny of the tax rate to affordable housing. It was suggested to also include language urging the Board not to offset the revenue loss of a lower tax rate with spending reductions in HHS. Additional suggestions were shared.

A motion was made to make the changes discussed to the letter and authorize Thomas to add any relevant information related to the release of the third quarter review package. That motion unanimously passed.

2023 General Assembly Recap: Jill Clark, Senior HHS Policy & Program Analyst, presented a recap of the 2023 General Assembly meeting. Clark reported that 2,200 bills were introduced and 867 bills passed. The General Assembly was unable to pass the budget bill prior to adjournment, but passed a "mini budget" to address the school aid calculation error. Clark highlighted HHS-related legislation. She also reported that all 140 seats will be on the November ballot, and the Fairfax County delegation will look different next January.

Fairfax County Human Services Council
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Location: (primary) Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 11, Fairfax, VA. Three members participated remotely via Zoom.

A quorum of the Human Services Council members were physically assembled at the physical meeting location with nine members present. Christopher Falcon, Jerrold Foltz, and Thomas Goodwin were unable to physically attend the meeting and were granted remote participation.

HSC Members Present: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Robert Faherty (Franconia), Steven Lam (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Michele Menapace (Chair/Franconia), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Maria Posey (Braddock), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock), and Edward Yost (Sully). Christopher Falcon (Mason), Rev. Dr. Jerrold L. Foltz (Sully), Thomas Goodwin (Providence) participated via remote participation.

HSC Members Excused: Steven Bloom (Dranesville), William Kogler (Springfield), and Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason).

HSC Members Absent: Adwoa Rey (Mount Vernon)

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

Call to Order: Human Services Council Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The February 27 and March 20, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Bell 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), reminded the Council of the recent memo (i.e., NIP) sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) about a housing stability pilot project, which is currently in the design stage. He said that some of the American Rescue Plan Act funds will be used toward the economic mobility pilot project. Goodwin shared that the County is the 45th municipality of this size carrying out this type of initiative and it is within framework of what the Council had envisioned for the HHS Innovation Fund. Leonard also reported that there was overwhelming support for our nonprofit partners and for HHS agencies during last week's budget hearings. The BOS will adopt the budget on May 9.

HSC's FY 2024 Advertised Budget Recommendations: HSC Budget Committee Chair, Paul Thomas, reported that the presentation to the BOS went well and they asked some good questions. In addition, he received positive feedback from two individual BOS members at a separate meeting.

Menapace reported that she recommended that one of the BOS members speak directly to the organizations regarding their questions about contract rates and staffing. She also suggested that the Board read the Community Action Advisory Board quarterly reports that provide more information on retention.

HSC Meeting Schedule for In-Person and All-Virtual Meetings: When moving forward, to reduce the risk of not meeting a quorum due to the emergency declaration being lifted that requires in-person meetings, the Council confirmed that the start time should remain at 7 p.m. Additionally, it was decided to conduct two meetings per year virtually in August and December. Thomas suggested that the HSC bylaws be updated to reflect this change. Poje motioned to follow the Health Care Advisory Board's position on asking the Board to address the Government Center conference rooms technology and accessibility deficiencies. It was seconded. The motion carried.

Member Sharing: Thomas reported that at the recent Successful Children and Youth Policy Team meeting, updates were provided on the Multi-Tiered Evaluation of the Community Schools Initiative and the Early Development Instrument that geographically measures school readiness. Poje said the Affordable Housing Advisory Council Executive Committee will meet Friday to review the budget and their budget testimony. They are focusing on how to approach carryover and will review legislative achievements in Richmond. There will also be discussion on doing a regional assessment of Fair Housing. Machowsky stated that the County initiative SHAPE the Future of Aging Plan will be reviewed by the Board and adopted at an upcoming meeting. Menapace reported that the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) held a public hearing for input on the funding categories that will be included in the next cycle of the Consolidated Community Funding Pool. She noted that home sharing was added as a CCFAC category to possibility generate the interest of nonprofits and the public.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes captured by Coleman.

Fairfax County Human Services Council
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023, 7 p.m.

Location: (primary) Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 11, Fairfax, VA. Three members participated remotely via Zoom.

A quorum of the Human Services Council members were physically assembled at the physical meeting location with 11 members present. Thomas Goodwin, Paul Thomas, and Adwoa Rey were unable to physically attend the meeting and participated virtually.

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

HSC Members Excused: William Kogler (Springfield).

HSC Members Absent: Steven Bloom (Dranesville) and Jerrold Foltz (Sully).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Michael Becketts (Department of Family Services), Karla Bruce (Chief Equity Officer), Sarah Allen (Department of Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Patricia Arriaza (NCS), Norma Lopez (NCS), Jill Clark (NCS), and Viola Coleman (NCS).

Call to Order: Human Services Council Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The April 17, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Bell moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

Economic Mobility Pilot Project Update: Michael Becketts, director of the Department of Family Services, and Karla Bruce, Chief Equity Officer, provided an update on the Economic Mobility Pilot Project. Becketts reported that the County is currently soliciting proposals for an implementation partner. After the RFP closes on May 17 and an implementation partner is selected, the project team will start releasing funds in October 2023 for a 15-month period. An estimated 180 families will participate in the pilot. There will also be optional financial coaching offered to participants. A research partner will conduct an evaluation of the program.

Bruce reported they are working with philanthropic partners to invest in some portions of the effort to support sustainability. Bruce shared that the research portion of the project is being done by George Mason University to evaluate how this project advances economic mobility in Fairfax County. The second aspect is looking at the participating families' connectivity to the community and evaluating existing barriers.

Health and Human Services Monthly Update: Chris Leonard reported that the FY 2024 budget was adopted. Some highlights include a one and a half cent tax rate reduction, fully funding employee compensation, Opportunity Neighborhoods expansion to Centreville, and additional funding for affordable housing. In addition, \$500,000 was committed to enhancements to the domestic and sexual violence hotline. Leonard also shared that \$350,000 for a home repair program for low and moderate-income homeowners will now be funded in Department of Housing and Community Development's baseline budget instead of through the [Consolidated Community Funding Pool \(CCFP\)](#).

Leonard reported that the [2023 Point-in-Time Count](#) was recently released showing an increase of 10 percent of people experiencing homelessness. He noted that increases were seen in all localities in the DC metro area. He also reminded the Council of the recent Board memo on Medicaid unwinding and noted that the County has a plan to help families who are no longer eligible for Medicaid access other health care resources. Leonard

encouraged members to watch the upcoming BOS Housing Committee on May 16 and the BOS HHS Committee meeting on June 13.

Establishment of a Nominations Committee for 2023-2025 Officers: Chair Menapace reported that elections for the Council's chair and vice chair will take place in July 2023. The Council will need to establish a Nominations Committee of at least three members to present a slate of officers at the June HSC meeting. She asked those who are interested in volunteering to please contact her.

HHS Innovation Fund: Norma Lopez, division director at NCS and Patricia Arriaza, program manager at NCS, presented an update on the HHS Innovation Fund. Arriaza reported that starting in FY 2024, one-time funding will be available through a competitive RFP process for projects designed to impact economic and social well-being. She shared the goals and timeline for the program and noted that progress reports will be provided to the Council on a quarterly basis.

Lopez answered questions about how the program will be communicated to nonprofits partners and businesses prior to releasing the RFP and extended the offer to Council members to provide any contact lists to send information. In addition, pre-proposal sessions will be offered. Chris Leonard and HSC members offered suggestions on reaching a broader audience.

Chair's Items: Menapace reported that the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee held a public hearing on the CCFP funding categories for FY 2025-2026. Home sharing has been added to the housing category as a new service example for the Board to consider.

She also noted that at the June or July meeting, they will discuss whether to hold the August meeting virtually or cancel the meeting.

Member Sharing: Poje reported that the [Affordable Housing Advisory Council](#) met in April and discussed the budget and carryover. The next full meeting will be held on June 23.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

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Member Sharing: Machowsky suggested that the Council get an update on the Innovation Fund at the next meeting. He recently learned that other local jurisdictions have launched a similar income support program through the Greater Washington Community Foundation.

Adjournment: Vice-Chair Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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Fairfax County Human Services Council
Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2023, 7 p.m.

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HSC Members Absent: William Kogler (Springfield).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS), Ellen Volo (Community Services Board), Sarah Allen (Department of Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Jill Clark (NCS), and Viola Coleman (NCS).

Call to Order: Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 inclement weather forecast, 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 May 15, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Poje moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. Bloom abstained. The motion carried.

Health and Human Services Monthly Update: Chris Leonard reported that Jill Clark, HHS Policy and Planning Manager and Tom Barnett, Deputy Director, Housing and Community Development, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, presented at the June 13 Board of Supervisors (BOS) HHS Committee meeting on the County's enhanced extreme heat response. He shared that applications for the [Food Access Program](#) recently closed and that \$4 million will be awarded for direct food assistance and infrastructure investments. In addition, applications are being accepted for the [2023 Child Care Provider Grant Program](#), which will provide \$2.5 million to child care providers to assist with the economic recovery from the pandemic.

Leonard noted that the next BOS Housing Committee meeting will be on August 1. At the next HHS Committee meeting on October 17, there will be briefings on Medicaid unwinding and youth behavioral health.

Fairfax County's Opioid Response Strategy: Ellen Volo, Opioid and Substance Use Task Force Coordinator, presented on the opioid response strategy for Fairfax County. She shared the history of the program, including the establishment of the Opioid Task Force; the primary goals of the third Opioid Response Plan, and noted that this plan has 40 different activities with a multipronged strategy.

Volo also shared data on opioid-related deaths in the Fairfax Health District in the last few years and the efforts to combat opioid use.

2024 Legislative Program: Jill Clark shared information about the annual development of the County's state

legislative program. All boards, authorities, and commissions can submit proposals for new legislative positions or recommend edits to the existing language until August 8. Chair Menapace asked members to review the 2023 Legislative Program included in the meeting materials and submit suggestions in advance of the next meeting on what the Council should take action on or recommend.

Presentation of Nominations for 2023-2025 Officers: Patrice Winter, Nominations Committee Chair, announced the slate of HSC officers up for nomination. The voting will be conducted at the July 17 meeting. She noted that members may also make nominations from the floor during the meeting.

Chair's Items: In partnership with the [Community Action Advisory Board's \(CAAB\)](#) Chair, Menapace reported that she will be sending a follow-up to the HSC presentation on the FY 2024 advertised budget recommendations to the Board. This follow-up will focus on CAAB reports on challenges of nonprofits, such as barriers to service participation.

Member Sharing: Poje reported that the [Affordable Housing Advisory Council](#) met on June 23 and discussed housing preservation and the formation of a new Continuum of Care Advisory Board that will guide their work in addressing homelessness. Thomas reported that the [Successful Children & Youth Policy Team \(SCYPT\)](#) held its annual retreat and updates were provided on current initiatives. He shared that the group conducted an exercise to determine which initiatives to focus on. The next meeting is in September 2023. Foltz announced that he and his spouse are moving out of the area and therefore will be resigning soon.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

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Fairfax County Human Services Council
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023, 7 p.m.

Location: (primary) Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 11, Fairfax, VA. Two members participated remotely via Zoom.

A quorum of Human Services Council members was physically assembled at the physical meeting location with nine members present. Steven Bloom and Adwoa Rey were unable to physically attend the meeting and participated virtually.

HSC Members Present: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Steven Bloom (Dranesville) via remote participation, Robert Faherty (Franconia), Christopher Falcon (Mason), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Michele Menapace (Chair/Franconia), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Adwoa Rey (Mt. Vernon) via remote participation, Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason), Dr. Patrice Winter (Braddock), Edward Yost (Sully).

HSC Members Excused: Martin Machowsky (At-Large) and Maria Posey (Braddock).

HSC Members Absent: William Kogler (Springfield), Steven Lam (Springfield), and Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill).

Staff Present: Sarah Allen (Department of Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Jill Clark (NCS), and Viola Coleman (NCS).

Call to Order: Human Services Council Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. To adhere to the adopted remote participation policy, she asked members who were participating remotely to state for the record their location and the reason they were participating remotely.

Approval of the Minutes: The June 26, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Poje moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

Health and Human Services (HHS) Monthly Update: Sarah Allen, Deputy Director of NCS, provided the monthly update on behalf of Chris Leonard, HHS Deputy County Executive. She reminded the Council of the memo (i.e., NIP) sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on efforts to mitigate Code Red air quality exposure. She reported that the FY 2023 Carryover Package will be released on July 24; HHS related items will be shared at the next Council meeting. Allen also shared that the next BOS Housing Committee meeting will be on August 1 at 9:30 a.m. and encouraged Council members to [watch live](#) or view the recording at the [BOS Committee Meetings Video Archive](#).

Discussion of HHS System Orientation: Allen and Jill Clark, HHS Policy and Planning Manager, presented on the development of a new HHS system orientation, which would be offered to new members of HHS boards, authorities, and commissions (BACs). Clark reviewed the purpose of the orientation, presented the curriculum, and then requested feedback from members. Suggestions from members included creating a short video that could be used for BAC member recruitment, as well as some recommendations about the content and format.

FY 2024 HSC Meeting Planning: Menapace asked for feedback on meeting topics and all-virtual meeting dates. It was decided that the December meeting will be an all-virtual meeting. Suggested topics for future meetings included cross-system initiatives, Opportunity Neighborhoods, impact of climate change on the HHS system, homelessness, and child care.

Election of the 2023-2025 Officers: HSC members were provided an opportunity to make floor nominations. None were received. An election was conducted via ballot vote using the slate of officers that was presented at the June meeting. Clark completed the count of ballots and reported that 11 votes were received for Menapace as chair. For the vice chair position, Wang received six votes and Thomas received five votes. Menace and Wang will serve as the officers for the 2023-2025 term.

Member Sharing: Poje reported that he recently attended an interfaith symposium in the North County area that was well-represented by all faiths.

Falcon advised that the [Child Care Advisory Council](#) is on break for the summer.

Winter announced that she has decided to not seek reappointment to the Council and that it was her last meeting. Bloom announced that he also decided not to seek reappointment and the July meeting will be his last. Menapace acknowledged their significant contributions to the HSC.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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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.

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Fairfax County Human Services Council
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2023, 7 p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 11

HSC Members Present: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Barbara Broman (Mt. Vernon), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Steven Lam (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Michele Menapace (Chair/Franconia), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Maria Posey (Braddock), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), and Edward Yost (Sully).

HSC Members Excused: Christopher Falcon (Mason) and Alis Wang (Vice Chair/Mason).

HSC Members Absent: Robert Faherty (Franconia) and William Kogler (Springfield).

Staff Present: Sarah Allen (Deputy Director, Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Jill Clark (NCS), and Viola Coleman (NCS).

Call to Order: Human Services Council Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The August 21, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Bell moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

Health and Human Services Monthly Update: Sarah Allen provided the monthly HHS update on behalf of Chris Leonard, HHS Deputy County Executive. She reminded the Council of the memos (i.e., NIPs) sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on opioid overdose trends, an update on the behavioral health crisis response system, and an update on the federal pandemic stimulus funding. She announced that the FY 2025-26 [Consolidated Community Funding Pool](#) Request for Proposals (RFPs) was launched last week and proposals are due by December 5, 2023. Allen noted that the BOS Legislative Committee and Budget Policy Committee will meet on September 19. The next BOS HHS Committee meeting will be on October 17 and topics will include an update on youth behavioral health, Medicaid unwinding, and the Extreme Heat Response Plan. The application portal for the [Economic Mobility Pilot](#) will remain open until October 3. She also noted that the RFP deadline for the [HHS Innovation Fund](#) have been extended to October 11.

Countywide Strategic Plan: Aimee Brobst, Division Director, Countywide Strategic Plan, Department of Management and Budget, presented on the [Countywide Strategic Plan](#). She shared the Plan's background and drivers and provided updates on the implementation of the Plan. A community engagement platform is being explored and she reported that there are infographics online that highlight actions being taken. Brobst announced that the annual report will be published soon. Additionally, she responded to questions and feedback regarding resident engagement, outreach and marketing, organizing content around pillars (common interests) that tie into the Plan, illustrating outcomes, aligning with targeted populations, and addressing unmet targets.

Legislative Update: Jill Clark, HHS Policy and Planning Manager, provided information about the fall Board Legislative Committee meetings, which focus on developing the 2024 state and federal legislative programs. She reported that the General Assembly finally passed the state budget during a one-day special session on September 6. Clark shared the HHS-related budget highlights.

Chair's Items: Chair Menapace reported that the Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs recently evaluated equity for Boards, Authorities, and Commissions' (BACs) membership. Access to attend in-person meetings is a barrier for some and BACs' structure and membership may change if legislation requiring in-person meetings is amended.

She also asked members to review the HHS BACs roster and indicate their interest in serving as a liaison for the BACs that do not have an HSC liaison yet. Additional members volunteered to liaise with

the [Commission on Aging](#) (Yost), [Health Care Advisory Board](#) (Broman), [Advisory Social Services Board](#) (Posey), [Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board](#) (Goodwin), and [Long Term Care Coordinating Council](#) (Lam).

Member Sharing: Thomas reported that the next [Successful Children & Youth Policy Team](#) meeting will take place before the next Council meeting so he will have an update at the October meeting. Poje reported that the [Affordable Housing Advisory Council's](#) quarterly meeting is coming up and he will share information at a future meeting.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

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Fairfax County Human Services Council
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023, 7 p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 11

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

HSC Members Participating Remotely: Barbara Broman and Steven Lam 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: Christopher Falcon (Mason) and Thomas Goodwin (Providence).

HSC Members Absent: William Kogler (Springfield).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services, Sarah Allen (Deputy Director, Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Chloe Lee (Data Scientist, Department of Management and Budget), Jill Clark (NCS), and Viola Coleman (NCS).

Call to Order: Human Services Council Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The September 18, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Bell 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 the Board of Supervisors (BOS) HHS Committee will be meeting on October 17. There will be presentations on youth behavioral health, Medicaid unwinding, and the Extreme Heat Response Plan. He said that there was one Board memo (i.e., NIP) on the opioid settlement funds and a forthcoming one on the [Economic Mobility Pilot](#). Leonard also noted that agencies were asked to identify seven percent reductions for the FY 25 budget submissions. On November 28, the BOS Budget Policy Committee will meet jointly with the School Board and updated revenue projections will be shared. He also announced that the Department of Management and Budget is developing a community health metrics dashboard by the end of the year, which is a robust tool that will provide demographic data to identify unmet needs in the county. This dashboard (and subsequent ones around the other Countywide Strategic Plan strategy areas) will replace the HHS Needs Assessment.

Fairfax County Youth Survey: Chloe Lee, Data Scientist, Department of Management and Budget, presented on the results of the [Fairfax County Youth Survey](#). She reported that this anonymous survey was administered electronically to 6th through 12th grade FCPS students and the data is used to monitor trends and identify unmet needs for youth.

Chair's Items: Chair Menapace encouraged members to suggest agenda items for upcoming council meetings.

Member Sharing: Jill Clark, HHS Policy and Planning Manager, shared an update from the [Child Care Advisory Council](#) on Chris Falcon's behalf. Clark also reported that the [HHS Innovation Fund](#) Request for Proposals (RFP) received over 50 applications. Paul Thomas reported that the [Successful Children & Youth Policy Team](#) meeting featured updates on My Brother's Keeper Fairfax Initiative and the Opportunity Youth and School Readiness initiatives. Jerry Poje reported that the [Affordable Housing Advisory Council's](#) upcoming meetings will be on November 2 and December 1. Maria Posey reported that the [Advisory Social Services Board](#) discussed the possible fiscal impact on the federal TANF

funds. Edward Yost reported that the [Commission on Aging](#) completed the first round of meetings for the SHAPE the Future of Aging plan. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 18. Menapace shared that the [Consolidated Community Funding Pool](#) RFP is currently open for the next round of funding. They are looking for community members to volunteer on the Selection Advisory Committee and review and score applications.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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Fairfax County Human Services Council
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2023, 7 p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 11

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

HSC Members Participating Remotely: Robert Faherty and Martin Machowsky 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: Michael Smith (Mt. Vernon).

HSC Members Absent: William Kogler (Springfield).

Staff Present: Sarah Allen (Deputy Director, Neighborhood and Community Services [NCS]), Jill Clark (NCS), and Viola Coleman (NCS).

Call to Order: Human Services Council Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The October 16, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Bell moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

Health and Human Services Monthly Update: Sarah Allen provided the monthly HHS update on behalf of Chris Leonard, HHS Deputy County Executive. She reminded the Council of the recent memos (i.e., NIPs) sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on the temporary closing of the Homeownership Program to new applicants, updates to the [Housing Choice Voucher Program](#), and information about the [Economic Mobility Pilot implementation](#). She also noted that on November 28, the BOS Legislative Committee and the Budget Policy Committee meetings will take place. Allen also shared that the Community Health Dashboard will be released after the Thanksgiving holiday and that the [HHS Innovation Fund](#) awards will be made in December with funding disbursed in January 2024.

2024 HHS Stakeholders Retreat: Chair Menapace reported that there have been some discussions on how to increase engagement among the HHS Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs). Poje shared the idea to have a retreat on a Saturday morning in February or early March to dialogue on how to collaborate effectively, discuss emerging issues, and identify priorities. He asked for volunteers to participate in the planning committee.

Some suggestions included using the retreat as a call-to action, gather information to strengthen FY 25 budget testimony, identify gaps, and develop projects for BAC members to stay engaged.

Legislative Update: Jill Clark, HHS Policy and Planning Manager, reported that the November 28 BOS Legislative Committee meeting will be the final meeting of the fall for the Board to finalize the 2024 legislative program. She also shared that the Fairfax County delegation will hold a public hearing at the Government Center in January 2024 and that the General Assembly convenes on January 10. She added that Governor Youngkin will release his biennium budget on December 20.

Chair's Items: Menapace noted that the Council need volunteers for the HSC Budget Committee. She also reported that Michelle Gregory will present on the Community Health Dashboard at the December meeting, which will be virtual and include other BACs.

Member Sharing: Poje reported that the next [Affordable Housing Advisory Council](#) meeting will be on December 1. Broman reported that the [Health Care Advisory Board](#) put out a reminder that the Medicaid eligibility renewals have restarted now that the public health emergency is over. Thomas reported that the next [Successful Children & Youth Policy Team](#) meeting will be held December 6. Falcon shared that this will be his last HSC meeting due to his new role and encouraged the Council to assign a new liaison soon for the [Child Care Advisory Council](#). Lam said the [Long Term Care Coordinating Council](#) discussed technology use among older adults at their last meeting. Maria Posey said the [Advisory Social Services Board](#) presented on the Department of Family Services customer satisfaction survey.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Minutes captured by Coleman.

Fairfax County Human Services Council
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2023, 7 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9971921259?omn=84751300783>,
or telephone 888-270-9936 with conference code: 926143

HSC Members Present: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Barbara Broman (Mt. Vernon), Jane Edmondson (Dranesville), Robert Faherty (Franconia), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Steven Lam (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Michele Menapace (Chair/Franconia), Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill), Manolya Tanyu (Braddock), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), and Edward Yost (Sully).

HSC Members Excused: Maria Posey (Braddock) and Michael Smith (Mt. Vernon).

HSC Members Absent: William Kogler (Springfield).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for HHS), Michelle Gregory, Department of Management and Budget [DMB], Chloe Lee (DMB), Javier Jaramillo (DMB), 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 7:04 p.m. Chair Menapace took attendance and made the requisite motions required for all-virtual meetings as part of Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) compliance. The live video and audio Zoom meeting feed were accessible by computer or phone. Chair Menapace moved to approve conducting the meeting electronically. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Approval of the Minutes: The November 20, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Bell 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 were no memos (i.e., NIPs) sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) this month. The FY 2025 budget forecast was presented at the November 28 BOS Budget Policy Committee joint meeting with the School Board. The advertised budget and the HHS Strategic Allocation of Resources (StAR) Plan will be released on February 20, 2024. The next BOS HHS Committee meeting will be held on January 30, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Healthy Communities Dashboard: Michelle Gregory, Countywide Data Analytics Division Director and data scientists Chloe Lee and Javier Jaramillo from the Department of Management and Budget presented on the new Healthy Communities Dashboard. The dashboards are designed to inform residents and stakeholders, monitor progress over time, identify any demographic or geographic disparities among residents, and guide community leaders, practitioners, and advocates in making data-driven decisions. Additional dashboards will be released soon and the information will inform the work of the Countywide Strategic Plan. Gregory added that the focus for the dashboard data is not to promote programs or address social issues, but to provide a baseline on what is happening in the community overall.

2024 HHS Stakeholders Retreat: Chair Menapace reported that after recent discussions with Council members and NCS staff, it was decided to name this event a “summit” instead of a retreat, which will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024. With a combination of three groups (i.e., County government, nonprofit leaders, and HHS BACs), this event will focus on strategies to increase synergy to meet the needs of health and human services in the community. A planning committee will be working on event and more details will be shared soon.

Member Sharing: Poje reported that the [Affordable Housing Advisory Council](#) met on December 15 and focused on development of its 2024 workplan. Thomas reported that the [Successful Children & Youth Policy Team](#) met on December 6 and included a legislative update, presentations on funding for early childhood initiatives, and information on housing and education. An equity improvement plan was also presented at this meeting. Broman reported that the [Health Care Advisory Board](#) is monitoring the Medicaid unwinding and they may have metrics that may be helpful to the Council.

Chair's Items: Menapace reported that Alis Wang resigned from the Council. The Council has two new members: Michael Smith and Jane Edmondson.

Adjournment: Chair Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes captured by Coleman.