

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

Via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9971921259?omn=89044620838>
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HSC Members Present: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Barbara Broman (Mt. Vernon), Robert Faherty (Franconia), Thomas Goodwin (Providence), Steven Lam (Springfield), Martin Machowsky (At-Large), Michele Menapace (Chair/Franconia), Maria Posey (Braddock), Manolya Tanyu (Braddock), Paul Thomas (Hunter Mill), Edward Yost (Sully).

HSC Members Excused: Jane Edmondson (Dranesville) and Dr. Gerald V. Poje (Hunter Mill)

HSC Members Absent: William Kogler (Springfield) and Michael Smith (Mt. Vernon).

Staff Present: Chris Leonard (Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services (HHS)), Christina Jackson (Chief Financial Officer), Katie Horstman (Department of Management and Budget), Lloyd Tucker (Director, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)), Sarah Allen (Deputy Director, NCS), Jill Clark (NCS), and Viola Coleman (NCS).

Call to Order: Chair Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Chair Menapace took attendance and made the requisite motions required for virtual meetings as part of Virginia FOIA compliance and in accordance with the Council's bylaws. The live video and audio Zoom meeting were accessible by computer or phone.

Approval of the Minutes: The January 22, 2024 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Bell moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

FY 2025 Advertised Budget Presentation: Christina Jackson, Chief Financial Officer, presented highlights from the FY 2025 advertised budget. She shared information about revenue and new spending in the proposed budget. Targeted investments include contract rate increases, early childhood, and affordable housing. She then reviewed the opportunities to provide input to the Board and the timeline for the budget adoption. Katie Horstman, deputy director, Department of Management and Budget, responded to questions on HHS agencies' reductions and employee recruitment/retention challenges.

Menapace reminded attendees that there will be an opportunity to ask more budget questions at the HHS Partners Summit on Saturday. She noted that due to the reduction in Board Budget Committee meetings this year, the Council will not have the opportunity to present its budget recommendations during a Budget Committee. Menapace and Paul Thomas will instead be presenting during the public budget hearings. Thomas noted that the Council will also be sending a letter with their budget recommendations to the Board.

FY 2025 StAR Plan: Jill Clark, HHS Policy and Planning Manager, provided an overview of the newly-released [FY 2025 Strategic Allocation of Resources \(StAR\) Plan](#), which will be covered more extensively at the HHS Partners Summit. She provided some background information on the evolution of StAR and its three goals. Clark explained the three components to each item in the Plan and the enhancements that were added to this year's plan. There was some discussion on how to capture Capital Improvement Program projects in the StAR Plan.

Health and Human Services Monthly Update: Chris Leonard, Deputy County Executive for HHS, reported that there was a memo (i.e., NIP) with an update on Medicaid unwinding sent to the Board

today. He reminded members that the next BOS Housing Committee meeting will be held on February 27 at 9:30 a.m., which will include a comprehensive update on rental assistance and eviction prevention and mitigation efforts. There will also be a Budget Policy Committee tomorrow at 3 p.m., which will be a joint meeting with the School Board.

HHS Partners Summit: Leonard reported that the HHS senior leadership team will be in attendance to answer agency-specific questions about the FY 2025 Advertised Budget. Menapace reminded attendees that this event is also an opportunity to identify ways that the Council, other HHS [Boards, Authorities, and Commissions](#), community partners, and County agencies can strengthen their relationships, identify emerging needs, strategize on how to enhance collaboration on key priorities, and identify how the HSC can facilitate this collaboration.

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

Minutes captured by Coleman.