Fairfax County Human Services Council

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MEETING AGENDA

November 16, 2026, 7 p.m.
All-Virtual Meeting

I.	**Call to Order**	Chair Menapace
II.	**Approval of October Meeting Minutes**	Chair Menapace
III.	**Monthly HHS Update**	Jessica Werder, Deputy County Executive
IV.	**BAC Engagement**	Chair Menapace
V.	**HSC Liaison Roles to Other BACs**	Chair Menapace
VI.	**Member Sharing**	All
VII.	**Adjourn**	Chair Menapace

Next HSC Meeting: December 21, 2026, 7 p.m.
Government Center, Conference Room 232

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October 19, 2026, 2026, 7 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

HSC Members Present: Kate Bogan (Mason), Barbara Broman (Mt. Vernon), Dee Dee Carter (Hunter Mill), Chris Clayton (Mason), Surayyah Colbert (Mt. Vernon), Jim Edmondson (Dranesville), Jeffrey Hallet (Providence), Andy Lacher (Dranesville), Chair Michele Menapace (Franconia), Colleen Al Mukhtar (Providence), Vice Chair Maria Posey (Braddock), Michael Redlich (Springfield), Manolya Tanyu (Braddock), and Arthur Wu (Sully).

Excused HSC Members: Tom Goodwin (At-Large)

Absent HSC Members: Kevin Bell (At-Large), Connie Johnson (Franconia), and Steven Lam (Springfield)

Staff Present: Jill Clark (Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)), Viola Coleman (NCS), and Michael Becketts (DFS).

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

Approval of the September Meeting Minutes: The September 21, 2026 meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Chris Clayton moved to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

Monthly HHS Update: Jill Clark, Health and Human Services (HHS) Policy & Planning Manager, provided the HHS update on behalf of Jessica Werder, Deputy County Executive for HHS. She reported that the Board Housing Committee met earlier in the month and encouraged Council members to review the meeting recording and materials, noting that the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness has developed a new strategic plan for homelessness. She informed members of a stakeholder engagement meeting on November 16 at the Gerry Hyland Government Center in South County that will bring together community leaders, providers, and advocates to discuss upcoming Medicaid changes. Clark shared that Werder would like to remind members that the flu season is underway, noting that an increase in cases is already being observed. She also highlighted upcoming Board committee meetings, including the next Budget Policy Committee meeting on November 24.

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BAC Engagement - Economic Mobility Pilot: Council members discussed the recent economic mobility convening regarding the County's economic mobility initiative. Feedback indicated that the effort is still in the visioning stage, creating an opportunity for the BACs to contribute strategic recommendations and support implementation. Clark noted that there are four workgroups tasked with developing an action plan and recommended that the HSC consider engaging its BAC partners to provide feedback when the draft action plan is released.

The Council agreed to follow up with County staff to better understand implementation plans and identify ways the BACs can support, amplify, and advance the initiative. They also agreed that a broader BAC meeting in February 2027 would provide an opportunity to review draft strategies and move forward on outstanding action items.

FY 2028 Advertised Budget Engagement: Menapace reported that the County Executive's FY 2028 budget will be released two weeks later than in recent years, shortening the timeframe available for the Council and BACs to review the budget and develop formal positions before public hearings. Members discussed adjusting schedules and engagement strategies to gather timely feedback, noting that only one meeting may occur during the compressed review period. The Council agreed to host the CFO and Department of Management and Budget for a special meeting on March 4 and to solicit preferences among the other HHS BACs for an in-person or virtual meeting format.

H.R. 1 Update: Department of Family Services (DFS) Director, Michael Becketts briefed the Council on the anticipated local impacts of H.R. 1 and upcoming Medicaid policy changes. He reported that Fairfax County Medicaid enrollment has declined by about 15 percent in recent months, due in part to immigration-related concerns and other factors. He reviewed a heat map showing concentrations of Medicaid recipients in the county and explained the major changes taking effect in January 2027. He noted that individuals could begin losing coverage as early as April 2027 if they do not meet requirements or complete the renewal process. Becketts emphasized that the changes do not affect all Medicaid recipients and reviewed key exemptions, qualifying work and volunteer activities, and reporting requirements.

Becketts also shared information on projected impacts across local jurisdictions and outlined outreach efforts underway to help residents maintain coverage. He encouraged community partners to help distribute information, promote available toolkits, and remind current enrollees to update their contact information, watch for official notices, and seek assistance if needed. He highlighted upcoming Medicaid town halls and resources available to residents. Becketts also shared that DFS is planning a community engagement initiative beginning in November and continuing over the next 12 to 18 months to support education, outreach, and ongoing engagement related to the policy changes.

Member Sharing: Michele reported that a recent Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) meeting included a presentation on a home-sharing program

and its limitations. There was some interest among members in learning more and potentially getting involved so Jill will circulate some materials in a follow-up email.

Adjournment: Menapace adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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HSC Liaison Assignments with Other BACs

Updated: 11-12-2026

BAC	Meeting Info	HSC Liaison
Advisory Social Services Board (ASSB): Monitors the formation and implementation of social welfare programs.	3rd Wednesday of the month, 7-9 p.m.	Maria Posey
Affordable Housing Advisory Council (AHAC): Advises the Board of Supervisors on the preservation and new development of affordable housing opportunities.	Quarterly on Fridays	Jim Edmondson
Child Care Advisory Council: Advises the Board of Supervisors on programs and policies related to child care.	2nd Tuesday of the month from September-June from 7-9 p.m.	Maria Posey
Commission for Women: Advises the Board of Supervisors on policies and initiatives to promote gender equality, eliminate violence against women, and honor women and girls in Fairfax County.	2nd Monday of the month from 7:15-9:30 p.m.	Surayyah Colbert
Commission on Aging: Advises the Area Agency on Aging and Board of Supervisors on developing and coordinating community services, policies, programs and actions affecting older adults.	3rd Wednesday of the month from 1-3 p.m.	VACANT
Community Action Advisory Board: Advises the Board of Supervisors on the needs, concerns, and aspirations of limited-income persons; and recommends policies that promote meaningful change. The board provides oversight for state and federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds.	1st Tuesday of the month from 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Michele Menapace
Community Services Board: Oversees services for people who have mental illness, substance use disorders and/or developmental disabilities.	4th Wednesday of the month from 5-7 p.m.	Michele Menapace

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Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC): Advises the Board of Supervisors on the development and implementation of the federally required consolidated plan, as well as recommends CCFP priorities based on community and staff assessments of the human services and community development needs within the county.	2nd Tuesday of the month (does not meet every month) 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Michele Menapace
Continuum of Care Board: Provides leadership in preventing and ending homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church community.	Quarterly	Andy Lacher
Disability Services Board: Represents and advocates for people with physical and sensory disabilities.	2nd Monday of the month 7-9 p.m. (Does not meet every month)	VACANT
Health Care Advisory Board: Assists the Board of Supervisors in the development of health policy for the county and advises on health and health-related issues.	2nd Monday of the month 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Arthur Wu
Successful Children and Youth Policy Team: Sets community-wide goals and priorities for public policy as it relates to children, youth and families.	First Wednesday of every other month during school year from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Manolya Tanyu
Veterans and Military Families Commission: Created to identify issues and challenges facing Fairfax County.	Every other month on the second Thursday from 6 - 8 p.m.	VACANT