

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Event Name: CCFAC 1208

Date and time: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 7:30 pm EDT

Event link (for public attendees only, CCFAC members use individual emailed links):

<https://bit.ly/CCFACmeetingDec82020>

Audio conference: +1-844-621-3956. Access code: 179 302 9591

MEETING SUMMARY

Inter-Agency Staff:

Andrew Janos (DPMM), Cathy Muse (DPMM), Beverly Moses (DHCD), George Rodriguez (DHCD), Jason Chia (DHCD), Jenny Hsu (DHCD), John Ruthinowski (DFS), Katie Strotman (NCS), Laura Lazo (DHCD), LeAnn Pender (DPMM), Michael Marr (CAAB), Regina Coyle (DHCD), Sarah Allen (NCS), Teresa Lepe (DHCD), Thomas Fleetwood (DHCD) and Tom Bash (DHCD).

CALL TO ORDER

Chair M. Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Chair Menapace verified the presence of a quorum by roll call during which each CCFAC member was requested to state their name and the location from which they participated in the virtual meeting.

Roll Call, in the order as presented:

- Tom Bash (Springfield, VA)
- Marlene Blum (Vienna, VA)
- Karla Bruce (Washington, DC)
- Jim Edwards-Hewitt (Fairfax Mason District)
- Fazia Deen (Falls Church, VA)
- Mike Finkle (Fair Oaks, VA)
- Mary Ann Floto (Washington DC)
- Richard (Dick) Kennedy (Reston, VA)
- Clayton Medford (Woodbridge, VA)
- Jane Plum (Fredericksburg, VA)
- Valerie Sutter (Annandale, VA)
- Michele Menapace (Southeast Fairfax)

M. Menapace temporarily relinquished the meeting chairmanship to Vice-Chair M. Blum and moved that each CCFAC member's voice could be adequately heard by each other member of the committee.

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Decision: The motion was seconded by D. Kennedy and carried unanimously.

M. Menapace also moved that:

- the state of emergency caused by the COVID 19 pandemic makes it unsafe for the CCFAC to assemble physically and unsafe for the public to physically attend the meeting;
- the normal FOIA requirement for the physical presence of the public at the meeting cannot be implemented practically or safely;
- the meeting is being conducted electronically through WebEx;
- the public may access the meeting through the meeting link provided on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/CCFAC or by calling audioconference number 1-844-621-3956, and using access code:179 302 9591.

Decision: The motion was seconded by C. Medford and carried unanimously. The meeting chairmanship was returned to M. Menapace.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR FY 2021

J. Plum reported that the Nominating Committee selected C. Medford, who made brief remarks confirming his willingness to serve as Vice-Chair.

Decision: *The motion of the Nominating Committee carried unanimously.*

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 13, 2020 MEETING NOTES

Decision: *The meeting notes (Attachment #1) were approved unanimously conditioned upon minor editorial corrections are made by staff.*

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF WAG FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY22

After brief remarks from R. Kennedy, HCD staff B. Moses made a short presentation of the WAG recommended allocations on the estimated federal resources for FY 2022 (Attachment #2a) and WAG recommended Contingency Plan (Attachment #2b).

Decision Both the WAG recommended funding allocations and WAG recommended contingency plan were unanimously adopted by the CCFAC.

Both Chair Menapace and WAG Chair R. Kennedy thanked the members of the CCFAC who served on the WAG and HCD staff.

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PUBLIC HEARING ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS DISCUSSION AND CCFAC FUNDING CATEGORIES DEBRIEFS

Discussion: HCD staff J. Hsu directed the CCFAC to review the meeting summary for the comments received at the public hearing.

Discussion: NCS staff K. Strotman presented a PowerPoint Presentation of CCFP Survey Results (Attachment #3) of survey results. The presentation included a map that reflected the number of responses received from each area of the county. She explained that respondents were provided opportunities to comment only for statements with which they disagreed. The unedited comments were reported in the presentation. Based on some of the comments received, K. Strotman concluded that there may be a need to change some of the survey wording and recommended that a committee review the survey to make revisions for FY 2022. Chair M. Menapace also noted that many of the comments were not applicable to the questions asked in the survey, indicating the need for more clarity in explanation of the information being sought. K. Strotman pointed out that there is a tendency for some participants to respond without reading and understanding the statements or instructions. M. Blum noted that the majority of the comments were very positive, and some reflect the different perceptions and perspectives of residents on the various issues.

In response to C. Medford, K. Strotman reported that the respondent demographics were not captured. K. Bruce agreed that it is important that demographics, including geographic information, be collected in all surveys going forward.

CCFP BOARD MATTER AND BASIC NEEDS

On December 1, 2020, the Board adopted a joint motion by Supervisors Smith McKay, Palchik and Gross to direct the County Executive to instruct staff to review the CCFP and report recommended process improvements to the Board by the end of January 2021, giving consideration to previous Board recommendations, recent community input efforts and data that is reflective of vital basic housing and food support needs. The review and recommendations are to also be responsive to a related board matter previously presented by Supervisor Palchik. (Attachment #4)

Discussion: NCS staff S. Allen reported that NCS is interested in receiving feedback from the CCFAC concerning the Board Matter. She and Deputy County Executive Chris Leonard plan to attend the January 12, 2021 meeting to receive the feedback.

K. Strotman summarized the previous reviews of the CCFP process and discussions with the supervisors, many of whom seem not to understand how the CCFP and the SAC work. There was also prior input received from nonprofit executives, the community and county staff, as well as recommendations made to the Board based on the reviews. COVID-19 interrupted the continuation of the process and the implementation of changes to the CCFP, as well as illuminated the need for affordable housing and food assistance.

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CARES Act funding has helped to fund many community basic needs. Conversations are beginning to make plans for moving forward without CARES Act funding, which currently is set to expire on December 30, 2020.

Chair M. Menapace, M. Blum and C. Medford emphasized the need to help Board members understand that the CCFP may not be the best vehicle through which to provide emergency COVID-19 or other emergency, since nonprofit contractors are must divert funding from planned activities that their CCFP awards provided for.

DEBRIEF FROM WORKING GROUP ON SAC PROCESS

Discussion: Chair M. Menapace reported that there was a good discussion of the recommendations from the CCFP SAC and there will be follow-up to clarify upon these recommendations.

UPDATE ON THE CSBG AND THE CCFP INFORMATION

Discussion: Chair M. Menapace reported that Michael Beckett from NCS cancelled the meeting with the CAAB in November 2020 to discuss the idea of moving CSBG funding out of the CCFP. He has communicated that he will not pursue this approach at this time, but he continues to be concerned about reducing the number of contracts that are categorized as “subrecipients”.

CAAB Chair M. Marr also reported concerns about the ability of the CAAB to have input on the nonprofits who are awarded CSBG funds. J. Ruthinowski reported that staff is hiring a consultant to assist in the review of the CAAB functions and processes.

PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED PLANNING DOCUMENTS

Discussion: HCD staff R. Coyle provided a summary of the public comments received for the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). Comments received from the NAACP focus on efforts to remove barriers to affordable housing. The NAACP Housing Committee expressed concerns that the county has not made enough progress toward removing the barriers. M. Blum, a member of the NAACP Housing Committee, supported these concerns.

Discussion: HCD staff L. Lazo provided background information on the FY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (Attachment #5) and offered members printed copies upon request.

Discussion: J. Hsu reported on the current draft of the updated Citizen Participation Plan (Attachment #6) and CCFAAC members were invited to send comments on the draft by December 11, 2020, prior to the submission of the draft to the Deputy County Executive for comments and then presentation to the Board.

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OTHER BUSINESS INFORMATION

M. Finkle reported that, due to COVID-19, the County has increased assistance to those who are homeless, and the county is now housing 461 persons in 372 hotel rooms. Additionally, the County's next Point-In-Time count will occur on January 27, 2021.

CHAIRMAN MENAPACE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:42 PM

Next CCFAC Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting

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