

# CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Pkwy

Conference Room 2/3

Fairfax, Virginia 22035

## MEETING SUMMARY

**CCFAC Members Present:** Michele Menapace (Chair), Marlene Blum (Vice-Chair), Thomas Bash, Karla Bruce, Melanie Bush, Fazia Deen, Holly Dougherty, Jim Edwards-Hewitt, Mike Finkle, Mary Ann Floto, Michele (Cookie) Hymer-Blitz, Richard (Dick) Kennedy, Jane Plum and Valerie Sutter.

**Inter-Agency Staff Present:** Laura Lazo (HCD), Beverly Moses (HCD), Lee Ann Pender (DPMM), Katie Strotman (NCS) and Lori Wymore-Kirkland (JDRDC).

### Call to Order

Chairperson M. Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

### Approval of December 10, 2019 Meeting Summary

*On the motion of M. Blum, second by J. Edwards-Hewitt, the CCFAC unanimously approved the December 10, 2019 meeting summary with the following revisions:*

- *Insertion of page numbers;*
- *Revision of 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph on page three to read, “former long-time DS Director Matthew Barkley”;*
- *Revision of 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on page three to read, “accounts of patients who have not paid their bills...” and “help patients apply for charity care”;*
- *Revision of 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph on page 3 to read “Office to Prevent and End Homelessness hosted...”;*
- *Revision of 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph on page 3 to read, “Human Services Resource plan and to receive community feedback to gauge if ...”*

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## **CCFP Request for Proposals Update**

L. Pender reported that the proposal review process has begun and will continue through March. K. Strotman distributed “Fairfax County At-A-Glance (Human Services)” summaries of demographic data for the county and each of the four regions, including a regional map, and a “CCFP 2021-2022 Category Datasheet” for each of the seven funding categories. The demographic summaries and other data have been provided to the selection advisory committee to assist in their review of the proposals. K. Strotman also distributed a “Human Services Resource Guide” information card.

## **FY 2021 Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan (Action Plan) Update**

B. Moses reported that the public comment period will begin next week if the CCFAAC adopts the proposed allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding that is expected to be available for use in FY 2021, and authorizes the release of the draft Action Plan for public review and comment.

Staff is requested that the Board schedule and advertise a public hearing on the FY 2021 Action Plan to be held on March 24, 2020. If approved, the public comment period will end at the close of the Board’s public hearing on March 24, 2020. It will be a significantly longer public comment period than in past years to allow as much time as possible for public engagement in the consolidated planning process.

The draft FY 2021 Action Plan will be made available for public access at all Fairfax County library branches, and regional government offices. The draft FY 2021 Action Plan also will be available on the county website. In addition to the legal notice of the hearing that will be published by the Clerk of the Board, HCD staff is preparing a flyer that will be eye catching and provide clear information about the draft FY 2021 Action Plan and opportunities for public participation. The flyers will be distributed at community centers, community engagement meetings and other venues that provide opportunities to inform residents.

B. Moses also reported that the process is moving in conformance with the timeline. The president has signed the federal budget for next year and there should not be any delay in receipt of the HUD notice of the actual CDBG, HOME and ESG awards for FY 2021 in time to finalize the draft FY 2021 Action Plan for submission to the Board in May, as currently planned.

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*On the recommendation of the CCFAC representatives to the Working Advisory Group, the CCFAC unanimously adopted the proposed uses of CDBG, HOME and ESG funding in FY 2021 as reflected in the draft FY 2021 Action Plan.*

*On the motion of M. Blum, second by D. Kennedy, the CCAC unanimously authorized the release of the draft FY 2021 Action Plan for public review and comment.*

## **CCFAC Presiding Officers Election**

Chairman Menapace announced that there is a need to revise the CCFAC Bylaws regarding the election of officers because the CCFAC schedule no longer includes a June meeting. Chairman Menapace distributed "Proposed CCFAC Bylaws Amendment Alternatives Concerning Elections" that contains two options for replacement language to update the bylaws. Vice-Chairman Blum and C. Hymer-Blitz expressed preference for the broader language of the first of the two options.

Chairman Menapace requested that the members review the language in the current bylaws in advance of a vote to amend the language bylaws at the March 10, 2020, meeting of the CCFAC.

Chairman Menapace also requested volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. F. Deen, C. Hymer-Blitz and Jane Plum volunteered and were appointed to serve. C. Hymer-Blitz clarified that the Chairman Menapace is eligible for election to serve a second term. M. Blum announced that she does not want to be elected to serve a second term as Vice-Chairman so that others will have an opportunity to take leadership roles. Vice-Chairman Blum encourages newer CCFAC members to serve in leadership. L. Lazo agreed to provide staffing support for the Nominating Committee, as needed.

## **Information from Appointing Organizations**

**M. Finkle**, representing Homeless Interests, reported that the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) has been conducting surveys and interviews at the Bailey's Community Shelter. OPEH continues to work to include permanent supportive housing (PSH) units in each of its redesigned shelters. Thirteen of 18 newly PSH built units at the Bailey's shelter are occupied and 5 more residents will move in soon. One of the tenants who has moved in is a gentleman in his mid-70s who had been homeless for 14 years.

M. Finkle also reported that the needs of shelter and shelter overflow residents are complex, requiring additional services such as dental care and some form of sheltered employment. M. Blum reported that the needed medical and dental services should be available through the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic and the Federal Qualified Health Centers. H. Dougherty also reported that the MVLE program in Mount Vernon provides employment services for veterans and persons with disabilities.

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In response to a question by H. Dougherty, M. Finkle explained that the current facility is old and has not been rehabilitated in over 30 years. Fairfax County is looking for a replacement site in the area.

**T. Bash**, representing the Commission on Aging, distributed a handout about Metro Access, identifying some of the many concerns and problems that continue to exist with the transportation service that Fairfax County funds for residents who are elderly or disabled. T. Bash reported that he is continuing to work on getting the issues resolved. The county spends \$16 million annually on the system, the cost of which increased by more than 14% since last year. Meanwhile, the average trip costs riders \$47. T. Bash is investigating how other jurisdictions are able to provide better services by using taxis and other transportation sources for people with disabilities. T. Bash is seeking an IT programmer who could help with setting up an application for the county to use. M. Menapace reported that “HackersForCharity.org,” is a group of IT specialists who are willing to provide the type of assistance that T. Bash is seeking.

**M. Floto**, representing the United Way of the National Capital Area (UNNCA), reported that UNNCA is compiling a list of free tax assistance resources. K. Strotman agreed to provide a list. (Free tax preparation assistance: (<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/tax/free-help>))

**M. Menapace**, representing the Human Services Council (HSC), reported that she recently heard a report that temperatures are higher in low income and minority neighborhoods than in other areas because there are fewer trees and other features that have a heat reducing impact. It is a legacy of redlining. C. Hymer-Blitz reported that there are efforts, like tree planting, to reverse the conditions that make low income and minority neighborhoods hotter. D. Kennedy reported that the Fairfax County Strategic Plan includes efforts to address tree coverage by monitoring what is being torn down and what is being planted.

**K. Bruce**, representing Cross Cutting Issues, reported that the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services has done a report on those types of environmental issues. The cause of the higher temperatures the higher amount of concrete in the neighborhoods, as well as the lower presence of trees. Richard Rothstein, author of The Color of Law, made a presentation on the impact of redlining at a community session in Reston last year. There are plans to bring Mr. Rothstein back to Fairfax to make another presentation. The video summary of The Color of Law can be viewed at: ([https://www.segregatedbydesign.com/.](https://www.segregatedbydesign.com/))

**H. Dougherty**, representing the Business Community/Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce, reported that the National Environmental Protection Act requires that the plans to widen the Route 1 corridor include an environmental impact assessment. The assessment is available for public review.

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## Other Business

Chairman Menapace announced that HCD, in collaboration with the Department of Economic Initiatives and George Mason University, will issue a 2020 Housing Challenge seeking ideas on affordable housing development, specifically about communications, partnerships and faith communities.

**Chair M. Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.**

**Next CCFAC Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9/10**

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