

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Pkwy

Conference Room 9/10

Fairfax, Virginia 22035

MEETING SUMMARY

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

Inter-Agency Staff Present: Laura Lazo (HCD), Cathy Muse (DPMM), Lee Ann Pender (DPMM), and Katie Strotman (NCS).

Call to Order

Chairperson M. Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Approval of January 14, 2020 Meeting Summary

On the motion of M. Blum, second by J. Edwards-Hewitt, the CCFAC unanimously approved the January 14, 2020 meeting summary.

Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) Work Group Process Change Recommendations Discussion

K. Strotman provided background information on the genesis of the CCFP Process Improvement Work Team and what has been accomplished since the Board of Supervisors asked Deputy County Executive Tisha Deegan to review the overall implementation of the CCFP program.

Chairperson M. Menapace facilitated discussion on each of the three recommendations: 1) County leadership and staff commit to a periodic review of services funded through the CCFP process; 2) Prioritize emergency food and shelter in the CCFP, proportional to need; and 3) The CCFP moves to a three-year cycle vs. the current two-year cycle.

For the first recommendation, there was discussion about how decisions will be made and what the funding amount will be. There are examples of this process happening in previous cycles.

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For the second recommendation, there was agreement on the application of equity strategies throughout the CCFP. Discussion focused on how or if survival services should be prioritized, and if they are critical, perhaps the County should pay for them.

For the third recommendation, there was dialogue about whether the suggested approach was being responsive to community needs, and how it affects the first recommendation.

More information will be presented at a future CCFAC meeting. Selection Advisory Committee chairs will also provide their feedback, which may help to clarify some of these discussion points.

Proposed 10 Percent Increase to the CCFP Budget Discussion

The County Executive's FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan includes an increase of 5 percent of the General Fund Transfer for CCFP. Discussion ensued to determine if there was CCFAC consensus to recommend that the Board of Supervisors increase the General Fund Transfer by 10 percent. Vice Chairperson M. Blum made a motion that CCFAC recommend the CCFP General Fund Transfer increase to be 10 percent. The motion was seconded by and passed by the CCFAC with 8 "yes", 2 "no", and 2 "abstention" votes. Chairperson M. Menapace will convey CCFAC's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Proposed CCFAC Bylaws Amendment Alternative Concerning Elections

Vice Chairperson M. Blum made a motion to approve the first option:

"Officers shall serve for a term of two years, with elections being held in the spring and terms beginning at the first meeting of the next fiscal year. Only two consecutive terms may be served in the same office."

J. Edwards-Hewitt seconded the motion and the CCFAC unanimously approved the motion.

Information from Appointing Organizations

C. Hymer-Blitz, representing the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board, reported that House Bill 6 – VA Fair Housing Law was signed by the Speaker on March 8, 2020 and is going to the Governor for signature. The Bill states that someone's source of income cannot be considered in housing practices and would now be considered discriminatory. This is considered a huge accomplishment that will benefit lower income individuals and households, as well as those with disabilities.

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H. Dougherty, representing the Business Community/Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce, reported that Good Shepherd Housing (GSH), a non-profit affordable housing provider in Northern Virginia, has purchased its 70th unit in a South County community. GSH now has a majority voice on the homeowners association board to help turn the property around to benefit of low- and moderate-income families and households.

T. Bash, representing the Commission on Aging, distributed a handout about the 3rd Annual Scam Jam and Shredfest that will take place on April 18, 2020. The event will provide information on how to fight fraud schemes.

Other Business

K. Strotman, Fairfax County lead on the 2020 Census, reminded everyone the Census is important to the County. Residents can respond to the Census online, or via the phone or hard copy. Handouts were provided and CCFAC members were asked to share information on the Census with their various networks to help promote an accurate count.

L. Lazo reminded CCFAC members that April 13-17, 2020 is designated as National Community Development Week. CCFAC members are invited to participate in the Board of Supervisors' proclamation on April 14, 2020 at 9:30 am at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Chair M. Menapace adjourned the meeting at 9:31 pm.

Next CCFAC Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9/10

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