



Fairfax County
Alliance for
Human Services

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017

ANNUAL MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

UNDOCUMENTED IN FAIRFAX: FAMILIES AT RISK

Thursday, June 8, 2017

7:30 pm

Little River United Church of Christ
8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

Panelists:

Keisha Dotson, Program Manager, Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning
Nancy Dalton Hall, Trustee, Little River United Church of Christ
Mary Hamilton, Outreach Coordinator, Rising Hope Mission Church
Cristina Schoendorf, Director of Progreso Literacy and Citizenship, UCM

Join us for a panel discussion about the impact of the new Federal immigration policies on local human services organizations and their ability to serve vulnerable members of our community. Our panelists will share some recent experiences and use their expertise to help us understand what's happening. We'll hear about the ICE incident at Rising Hope and how guests there continue to be affected by immigration policies. We'll learn about fear in the immigrant community and how that is resulting in decreased requests for assistance for services.

Light refreshments will be served.

A short business meeting will take place before the program to elect officers and Board of Directors members and to approve the Alliance FY 2018 Budget. For more information, please email Chair Christopher Fay at cfay@homestretchva.org.

HUMAN SERVICES IN THE FY 2018 BUDGET

On May 2, 2017, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted the FY 2018 Budget, which begins on July 1, 2017. Supervisors Kathy Smith and Daniel Storck voted "no." The Board approved County Executive Ed Long's recommended increases and reductions in human services funding, but, in response to community advocacy, made the following changes:

- Restored \$150,000 to the Insight Memory Care Center (IMCC) contract for one year to provide additional time for IMCC to modify and adapt its business model to improve fund raising capabilities.
- Restored \$373,303 for the CSB's Community Readiness and Support Program, thereby preventing the elimination of the program.
- Added \$1,995,000 (and 18 positions) for partial funding of the planned second year development of the Diversion First Program, in order to meet the next phase of requirements for this initiative. Seven of the positions (\$725,000) will be allocated to the CSB.

BUDGET GUIDANCE FOR FY 2018 AND FY 2019

As part of its budget deliberations, the Board of Supervisors approved a number of Budget Guidance items for the future. Several may be of interest to human services advocates and providers:

- **Diversion First:** The Board commented that, given current revenue projections and competing priorities, it may be difficult to fund this program as originally envisioned. Therefore, staff is directed to develop a five-year, fiscally-constrained implementation plan that “continues significant forward progress, while operating within realistic fiscal goals.”
- **Opioid Use Epidemic:** Staff is directed to continue to provide ongoing updates on the work being done and any changes in the impact of the epidemic on our community. Staff is also directed, as recommended by the Human Services Council, to continue to work with all partners on strategies to combat the epidemic and to identify funding needs the Board should consider during FY 2108. The Board will consider a reserve for this purpose at the FY 2017 Carryover Review.
- **Human Services System Resources:** The Board directs staff and the Humans Services Council to use the 2016 Human Services Needs Assessment as a “roadmap” to identify priority funding needs over the next five years. The plan should recognize that the County will be fiscally constrained during this period.
- **Employment and Day Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities:** The Board has postponed a decision on the CSB's recommended model for delivery of these services and directs staff to continue to evaluate this model and return to the Board with an update by September 2017. The Board will then provide direction on how to proceed with service delivery in FY 2019.

REPORT OF THE 2017 AHS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The AHS Nominating Committee is pleased to submit the following nominations, each to serve a two-year term:

Chair: Christopher Fay
Vice Chair: Lisa Whetzel

Members of the Board of Directors:
Marlene Blum
Jeannette Jere-Jones
Linda Patterson
Valerie Sutter

The Nominating Committee is also pleased to nominate Anthony Arnolie to serve a one-year term as a member of the Board of Directors and Dipti Pidikiti-Smith to serve a one-year term as a member of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Whetzel, Chair
Judith Dittman
Laura Martin
Linda Patterson
Shannon Steene

INTRODUCING OUR NEW NOMINEES

Anthony Arnolie is Vice President of Operations at Second Story (formerly Alternative House), which provides counseling, shelter, and neighborhood-based support for children, youth, and families. He has had thirty years of increasing responsibility and leadership in administrative management, human resource management, and technology strategy and operations for global professional services organizations, federal government agencies, and non-profit organizations.

Jeannette Jere-Jones, who has a Master's degree in Public Administration, is the Client Services Coordinator (Social Worker) at the Koinonia Foundation, which she joined in 2000. Koinonia is a faith-based organization that supports adults and children in the Franconia area by providing short-term emergency assistance and self-

sufficiency services. She is very passionate about human services and advocating for residents of Fairfax County, believing in a “hand up, not a hand out” to help residents improve the quality of their lives with the support of the rest of the community.

Dipti Pidikiti-Smith is the Director of Advocacy at Legal Services of Northern Virginia, where she works to ensure that the program takes a leadership role in providing impact advocacy on major issues. She serves as lead counsel on major cases, actively participates in key cases, and oversees the substantive law and advocacy training and mentoring of all staff. Dipti is also an Adjunct Professor at the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia, where she teaches family law.

DUES ARE DUE

Enclosed with this newsletter is an Alliance membership form for 2017-18. Please renew as soon as possible, so you won't forget to mail it in during the summer. As you know, the Alliance depends entirely on dues and donations to fund its activities. We need your support and your voice! You may also renew at our June 8 meeting.

FCPS KICK-OFF TO SUMMER MEALS

Fairfax County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services announces the 2nd annual Kick-Off to Summer Meals, on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, from 11 am to 1 pm, at Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School. This event will connect families to free or low-cost resources available in the county, while also encouraging healthy eating and physical activity. There will be booths that showcase local businesses, youth groups, health organizations, and activities geared towards the well being of residents. For more information, please contact Morgan McGhee, mmcghee@fcps.edu.