

**MINUTES**  
**Human Services Advisory Council**  
**City of Falls Church**

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** To advise City Council on human services delivery to Falls Church citizens.

**DATE OF MEETING:** **March 17, 2022**

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Virtual

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** Nicole Newman: at 6:34 p.m.

**THOSE PRESENT:**

<b>HSAC Members:</b>		<b>Staff:</b>	
Craig Cheney	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dana Lewis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alisa Macht	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ripal Patel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brian Bowden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>City Council Liaison</b>	
Nicole Newman (chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marybeth Connelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Anne Norloff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Student Members</b>	
Debra Z. Roth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joseph Dakin	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Olivia Games	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Katherine Hart	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Eva Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>
		David Ziayee	<input type="checkbox"/>

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Paul Bosen-Welcoming Falls Church, Phil Duncan - City Council

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** The minutes from the February 17, 2022 meeting were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Renting to Refugees**  
 Bosen discussed starting a program that is a public-private partnership to provide rent subsidies to refugees that are living within the City of Falls Church. Bosen mentioned Pittsburgh’s model as a good starting point, as well as extended an invitation to HHS to a kickoff meeting for next Tuesday. Deb Roth suggested Bosen fill out a CSF application in regard to funding opportunities.
  
- **Equity Inclusion Workshop**  
 Roth spoke to some logistics, and preparations for the upcoming workshop on March 26, 2022. Topics were on food, promotion, expectations, panel members and others.
  
- **Falls Church Winter Shelter Update**  
 Lewis reported that she and a colleague went to visit the shelter. She stated that it was a positive environment, with many residents having jobs. She also reported a proactive approach to engaging those currently in the shelter who would be unable to stay there further because of its seasonal closing on March 31, 2022.

**Marcus Alert**

Lewis mentioned a change from the Governor’s office. The Marcus Alert routes 911 calls to law enforcement trained in crisis and mental health approaches. The alert stems from a

man in Richmond being killed who was mentally ill as a result of a call. Roth would be interested in attending a meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Capital Area Food Bank – Request to City for Tour**

Ms. Lewis reported that the Capital Area Food Bank, which includes Falls Church in its service area, is building a new facility in Woodbridge, Virginia. They are asking all the localities to contribute to the construction costs. They are hoping someone from HSAC may be able to tour the facility.

- **The Fields Update**

Ms. Lewis reported things are going well and improving. The mayor reached out to Kettler and are receiving updates weekly.

STAFF REPORT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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