

MVCCA Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee
2009 Monthly Meetings & Agenda Focus (November 2009 update)

HHS Committee monthly meetings, open to the public, are generally scheduled for the “first Tuesday,” 7:30 PM, at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parker’s Lane. In 2009, we meet in the 2nd floor conference rooms, the Engh Room or Conference Room C/D, as noted below. Yellow entrance and parking is recommended for the Engh Room.

Please see the *MVCCA Record*, published monthly (except August), for detailed HHS Committee Reports, with announcement of upcoming public meetings, and all Resolutions submitted to the MVCCA General Council for approval. *The Record* is posted mid-month to the Council’s public web site, which also archives issues back to 2004: www.mvcca.org. List/serve subscribers receive e-mail notice of publication.

Jan 6, 2009 (Engh) *Planning Priorities for Health and Human Services*

Will Fairfax County’s Comprehensive Plan and annual Budget Plan promote development of the services needed by 2015 and beyond? Are changes needed? And what policies and resources will Fairfax County advocate in the 2009 Virginia legislative session?

MVCCA RESOLUTION 2009 HHS-01, “Critical Needs in Human Services” was approved.

Feb. 3 (C/D) *Will Fiscal Crisis Weaken Needed Local Services in FY 2010?*

As needs rise and revenues fall, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS)—by state law—must adopt a balanced Budget Plan. The MVCCA participates actively in the public review that begins when the County Executive proposes the *Fairfax County FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan* (publication scheduled Feb. 23). HHS Review schedule: The HHS Committee prepares to understand the Budget Plan, with regard for the impact on the public and private network of human services, and recommend a position to the MVCCA General Council. (Key dates for HHS Committee: Feb. 26, the Route 1 Task Force for Human Services convenes a local public forum on human services impacts; by Saturday, Feb. 28, HHS Committee gathers all available data and drafts a Resolution, for HHS Committee approval March 3 and for MVCCA General Council consideration March 25. The BOS hears public testimony March 30-April 1, makes adjustments to the proposal, and adopts the resulting *FY 2010 Budget Plan* on April 27, to begin July 1, 2009.)

March 3 (Engh) *Responding to the County’s FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan*

In light of the committee’s year round consideration of human services needs and resources in Fairfax County, with particular attention to Human Services Region I, the committee prepares/adopts a Resolution responding to the proposed Budget Plan, for consideration of the MVCCA General Council as its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. An attachment to this Resolution details specific proposed reductions in County funding--41 line items in 9 agencies, totaling \$11.73 Million—that would damage critical services in the public and private network and that should, therefore, be restored to the Plan and balanced through revenue enhancement.

MVCCA RESOLUTION 2009 HHS-02, “FY 2010 Health And Human Services Planning” with Attachment, “MVCCA Recommendations to Restore Critical Health and Human Services,” was approved.

April 7 (C/D) *Strategic Planning Assumptions*

The committee reviewed the work to date of the MVCCA Special Committee on Strategic Planning and identified areas that deserve close attention from the viewpoint of demographic

trends and development of an adequate public private network of human services, as described in the HHS Report in the April 2009 MVCCA RECORD.

May *Participation in two local public informational meetings*

The scheduled May 5 meeting was canceled in order to facilitate participation in other public meetings-- see report in MVCCA RECORD.

--County, state, and federal officials reported to the Route 1 Task Force for Human Services on budget outcomes, Stimulus funds, and impacts for human services.

--The Redevelopment & Housing Authority and the Park Authority presented preliminary planning for housing and park development on North Hill.

June 4 (Engh) *Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness*

This Joint Meeting of HHS with the Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing provided an opportunity for dialogue with Dean Klein, director of the new Office dedicated to public/private partnership in implementing the County's Ten Year Plan.

July 7 (C/D) *Two Critical Prevention Programs*

This Joint Meeting of HHS with the Public Safety Committee heard reports from two programs that now operate under reduced funding to serve critical and growing needs—the CSB's Diversion to Detoxification and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court's Supervised Visitation and Exchange for court-ordered visits of children with a parent. When such prevention programs are reduced to trim the County budget, we all pay more—see report.

[August *No HHS meeting scheduled, no HHS Report published.]*

Note: A Special Edition of the MVCCA RECORD (2009, No. 8) provides overviews of *proposed* Nominations to amend the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan, for MVCCA General Council consideration and vote Sept. 10. (The deadline for submitting Nominations for the five-year 2010 South County Area Plan Review is September 16, 2009.)

Sept. 8 (Engh) *HHS Concerns—an overview*

HHS Committee discussed developments in ongoing concerns and prioritized focus questions for coming months, as described in the September MVCCA RECORD.

Oct. 6 (C/D) *Update on Inova Mount Vernon Hospital / Lorton Healthplex*

Inova Health System Vice President and Inova Mount Vernon Hospital CEO Barbara Doyle provided an update on IMVH operations and on planning for (1) enhancement of IMVH services—first floor renovations just completed include an expanded diagnostic services suite; (2) the Inova Lorton Healthplex—Phase I to be completed by Dec. 2012; and (3) expanded Inova Behavioral Health outpatient services—including the new office just opened on Richmond Highway.

Nov. 3 (Engh) *Human Services—Needs, Resources, Strategic Planning*

The state requires the County Budget Plan to be balanced: as projected revenues decline, expenditures approved in the current Budget Plan must be trimmed back, and in this context FY 2011 planning begins. How will the public and private nonprofit network of services match rising needs with resources that are adequate to sustain essential services? Significant changes are underway—major redesign within some agencies, more efficient coordination among providers—but will these changes be enough to avoid reduction of essential services and to

