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| **ATTENDEES**   1. Walter Tejada, Arlington, VA – Chairman 2. Brianne Nadeau, District of Columbia 3. Trina Brown, Bladensburg, MD 4. John Chapman, Alexandria, VA 5. Michael Ferrell, District of Columbia 6. Betty Hager Francis, DPW&T 7. Penelope Gross, Fairfax County, VA 8. Virginia Onley, Rockville, MD 9. Eleanor Schmidt, Fairfax, VA 10. Jarrett Smith, Takoma Park, MD 11. Thomas Street, Montgomery County, MD 12. Ulder Tillman, Montgomery County, MD 13. Karen Toles, Prince George’s County, MD 14. Cathy Hudgins, Fairfax County, VA | | 1. Suzanne Volepe, Loudoun County, VA 2. Courtney Tierney, Prince William County, VA 3. Tom Smith, Prince William 4. Terry Seamens, Takoma Park, MD 5. Silke Pope, Greenbelt, MD 6. Edward V.J. Putens, Greenbelt, MD 7. Paul DesJardin, MWCOG 8. Stuart Freudberg, MWCOG 9. Jenny Schitter, MWCOG 10. David McMillion, MWCOG 11. Hillary Chapman, MWCOG |
| **1.** | **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION** | |
|  | Discussion:   * Walter A. Tejada opened the meeting welcoming everyone and shared his long tenure with the committee as did others. * Chair Tejada stated that he is moving to strengthen the committee with the help of the Vice – Chairs Brianne Nadeau, District of Columbia Council Member and Barry Stanton, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Public Safety, Prince George’s County. * Chairman Tejada requested committee members volunteer to serve as a co-lead/sponsor for one of the HSPSPC meetings in the coming year. He indicated that there may be overlap but he is taking this initiate in an effort get more participation from members. * Mr. Terry Seamen expressed disappointment about the lack of turn out and agreed to work on improving attendance. * Council Member Seamen volunteered to co-lead/sponsor the Workplace Development meeting in June 2015.   Tasks:   * COG staff will request committee members volunteer to serve as a co-lead/sponsor for one of the HSPSPC meetings in the coming year as requested by Chair Tejada. | | |
| **2.** | **CHAIR’S REMARKS, PREVIEW OF AGENDA, AND DISCUSSION OF NEW APPROACH FOR 2015** | |
| Discussion:   * Please review 2015 HSPSPC Work Plan included in the meeting packets on the table. * The plan for the HSPSPC is move in a new direction this year. * It’s important to know where we have been and where we should go and these matters will be discussed later in the meeting. * A survey of our peers has taken place and the feedback has been tremendous and this will be discussed later in the meeting as well. I appreciate everyone taking time to meet with Mr. Schwartz who conducted the survey.   Tasks:   * None | |
| **3.** | **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY** | |
|  | Discussion:   * Motion was made, seconded and approved.   Tasks:   * None | |
| **4.** | **REVIEW OF MISSION AND ROLE OF HSPSPC AND SUPPORTING COMMITTEES** | |
|  | Discussion:   * The historical meaning of our committee showed how they were separated at different moments during the establishing of the meaning of the constituents. This has been split up two times since Supervisor Gross has been a part of us for about eighteen years now. * Re alignment and the reason behind our existence to figure out our priorities through picking a part our by laws * It was noted that upon reviewing the organization chart you can clearly see the purpose of our committee and our role here at COG. We have a lot of issues that we can have great input on as we broaden our reach with other committees/subcommittees. * Supervisor Gross noted that she had been a part of this committee for a number of years and that she has served as the Chair as well. She stated that staffing has always been an issue for this committee. Whenever there is a budget cut, HSPSPC seems to be the first to suffer. We have “hot button” items that allow people to show to do presentations but we would love for them to join us for all the meetings. Quite frankly I am disappointed and embarrassed at the lack of representation here today. * Council Member Seamens indicated that he is interested in addressing the problem and encouraging more of our colleagues to participate. I wish to come up with solutions that could impact participation. He noted that the percentage of time from outside presentations vs strengthening the core participation among committee members needs to be balanced. * Stuart Freudberg agreed that the points raised are excellent. We definitely need to be more interested in problem solving. He noted that the survey results being discussed later may help provide a way forward. Forward. * Supervisor Hudgins replied that she stayed on this committee to tackle problem solving with in the region. We have a critical role to play in the region that can have a greater impact than we’ve achieved thus far.   Tasks:   * Come up with an Action Plan to address the attendance at the HSPSPC meetings. | |
| **5.** | **HSPSPC SURVEY RESULTS AND COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS FEEDBACK** | |
|  | Discussion:   * It was noted that we all have different ways of looking at the world. * As HSPSPC members we need to read the material provided ahead of time and be prepared to engage in detailed discussions at the meetings. * Relevant topics have been raised that need to be addressed more wholeheartedly such as affordable housing, ending homelessness, and various mental health subjects. * Mr. Freudberg walked everyone through a presentation on the Survey Results and thanked the participants for their support. * We value the long term and short term members serving members who attend regularly and those who have chaired the HSPSPC. * The emphasis this year should be focused more of the best practices and sharing those best practices throughout the region.   Tasks:   * Supervisor Gross encouraged another piece of the puzzle is completed. How will we attack the type of housing for the new age family? We have moved from a nuclear family to a multi-generational household. * Chair Tejada wants to push the envelope a little bit. Environmental health issues are also on the table to be discussed. * The Latino Health Forum needs to be conducted again with more involvement from the committee and NCR regional partners. | |
| **6.** | **BRIEFING ON PROPOSED HSPSPC 2015 PRIORITIES FOLLOWED BY FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS FROM SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT COMMITTEES AND INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION** | |
|  | Discussion:   * Chair Tejada indicated that we will be receiving briefings on the HSPSPC 2015 priorities followed by feedback and comments from the subject matter experts from Human Services, Public Safety, and Roundtable discussion * Mr. DesJardin introduced Human Services committees and those individuals who would expand on topics of relevancy. * Michael Ferrell, Chair of Homeless Services Committee focused on coordination and planning efforts focused on enumeration. The stats from our recent January 2015 survey will be presented to the HSPSPC in April, and then the final numbers will be given to the COG Board in May. This year we will work proactively to improve coordinated efforts to provide services on emerging issues. * Hilary Chapman (COG staff) filled in for the Housing Directors for Jessie Buggs who is ill today. She indicated that the Housing Directors are enthusiastic to have an expanded discussion to discuss housing matters at a single HSPSPC meeting. The Housing Directors will share details at the April HSPSPC meeting focused on housing. * Suzanne Chis, Deputy Director of Human Services and Kamilah Bunn (COG staff) serve as leaders in the Child Welfare and shared the vision of this year. One of our main focuses is helping aging out kids in the program get on the right path. Our recruitment process for adoptive parents is being revived as well. Our annual report will be presented in June as we look for trends in foster care and adoption. This year will showcase our branded programs such as Wednesdays Child, Kids need families, Pic Me, and the Match Party. * Dave McMillion introduced the Public Safety committee chairs to present their priorities to the HSPSPC and provide comments on the HSPSPC goals for 2015. * Kim Dine, Chief of Capitol Police and Chair of the Police Chiefs, I’ve been policing this area for over forty years. A big piece of our goals deals a lot with us being educated in the mental health arena. This year we want to focus on training that increases our awareness in this region. We look forward to increasing the roles of technology in our arena with video sharing, LPR, AFIS, and LINX. The interoperability of the region will advance our generalized concern of bringing crime down in all of our jurisdictions. * Chief Bashoor Prince George’s County and Chair of Fire Chiefs Committee responded to the WMATA incident by stating that it was a learning experience. He noted that Fire entities must co-exist and work together seamlessly with the Police and Emergency Managers. Encryption has been an issue but there are strides being made. He noted that the gaps in our communications systems should be resolved this year. * Jack Brown and Chris Geldart are here representing the Emergency Managers Committee. They focused on 2015 working priorities as far as leveraging existing assets, our regional dashboard, collaborations with other disciplines, and establish a planning calendar. We want to establish the Cyber Annex, exercise and training, our target capabilities, and continue to get better. Our goal is to enhance our awareness of radiological and nuclear potential events on the horizon. * Mary Lou McDonough (Prince George’s) and Corrections Chair discussed biggest accomplished in 2014 mutual aid plan agreement signed. We’ve received a grant to update the evacuation plan for jails. Our intent is to reestablish active gang task force training. A Healthcare Subcommittee is in place to discuss Hepatitis, Diabetes, and Hypertension. * Mr. Freudberg introduced Jenny Schitter and discussed the HOC goals that will be forthcoming this year. Perhaps Dr. Jim Johnson can come in divulge more information to help establish our goals.   Tasks:   * Fire Games involving 12,000 participants from 70 countries are being hosted this summer by Fairfax County with a number of activities in surrounding jurisdictions. * Ms. Gross would like a Police Chiefs presentation at the next General Assembly to address the sense of technology and the impact of individual civil rights. * The Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) will be updated and streamlined to truly reach the goals set forth in the Planners directives. * Corrections Committee will host Wreath Laying Ceremony which includes an Honor Guard competition on May 9, 2015 in Washington, DC. * WMATA needs to establish a better plan to emergency training at the Landover, MD facility. | |
| **7.** | **STAFF AND COMMITTEE UPDATES** | |
|  | Discussion:   * Region Forward Coalition: * Mr. DesJardin provided a brief update of the committee’s activities and noted that they had met last month; * He is working closely with HOC (Health Officials Committee) with the theme of Economic Competitiveness; and * They are meeting quarterly to discuss 0ffice space demands and comparative softening of the economy. * Social Impact Bonds: * Mr. Freudberg expressed his interest of regional excellence. * Social Impact Bonds are a way to address social service with the private industry and there is a desire to have more pilot projects in the NCR region. * Mr. Freudberg would like to bring in Amanda Campbell to brief the HSPSPC on the true impact of their goals. * Committee Members: * Ms. Hudgins thanked everyone for their presentations. She would like the committee to have more of an involvement in matters that make social impacts across the NCR.   Tasks:   * Identify regional initiatives that include all services including family, business, and community which require everyone to do many things together. | |
| **8.** | **NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS** | |
|  | Discussion:   * Housing will be our next meeting topic on April 17, 2015. * We need co leaders/sponsors for Housing. It would be helpful if members would identify some of their community leaders to present options at future meetings. * Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director explained his substance interaction statement. Our staff needs to speak less and allow committee members to get involved. We have one hundred and thirty on staff but interact with over one thousand and five hundred constituents on a monthly basis. For example Chief Bashoor came to the COG Board meeting and shared a ten point plan dealing with the WMATA train issue at hand. I’m truly interested in our technical and policy committees weaved together better with economic competitiveness for workforce development. We need to make more of a regional role and be catalyst for economic growth.   PROPOSED AGENDA FOR APRIL:   * We welcome your input and support for the April 17, 2015 meeting. * This is the time to provide new information or other business if any. * Next time we will be able to get time management under control with the presentations. | |
| **9.**  **10.** | **SUMMARY OF TODAY’S MEETING OUTCOMES AND PREVIEW OF APRIL 17, 2015 AGENDA**  **ADJOURN**   * Ms. Gross informed the committee that herself and Ms. Hudgins will not be available to participate in the April 17 meeting because of a meeting conflict (budget)   Adjourn   * Thank you for your participation in today’s HSPSPC meeting * The meeting is adjourned 2:05pm | |

**NEXT MEETING: ARPIL 17, 2015, Noon – 2 pm at COG**