



HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, July 12, 2024
12 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Chair: Rodney Lusk, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

AGENDA

12:00 P.M. 1. **CONVENE MEETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rodney Lusk, HSPC Chair

- *HUD PRO Housing grant award announcement*
- *Other Member Announcements*

12:10 P.M. 2. **COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY FOR SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS**

Sarah Armour-Jones, Deputy Director, Housing Narrative Lab
Rachelle A. Matthews (RAM), Strategy Lead, Public Engagement and Advocacy, Community Solutions

On June 28, 2024, the Supreme Court issued an opinion in the case of the City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson. They determined that the “cruel and unusual punishment” clause of the Eighth Amendment does not prohibit the city from enforcing criminal punishments against people experiencing homelessness for camping outside.

Given this recent decision, ***how can we discuss evidence-based solutions to preventing and ending homelessness with constituents and neighbors in a way that is productive, positive, and effective?***

Sarah Armour-Jones from the Housing Narrative Lab will share lessons learned and strategies to take away for how to communicate effectively on this challenging topic. RAM will share ways to engage the public from the Community Solutions perspective, providing their evidence-based perspective on what works, and how to communicate that in a way that builds support and empathy for people without housing.

1:30 P.M. 3. **JURISDICTIONAL ROUNDTABLE**

Rodney Lusk, HSPC Chair

Committee members will have an opportunity to share human services initiatives and challenges within their respective jurisdictions.

2:00 PM

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Next Meeting: Friday, September 13, 2024