



## HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE

Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee  
Draft 2016 Work Plan

### I. MISSION:

The Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee's purpose shall be to develop and maintain all policies, plans, agreements, and programs, other than those specifically assigned to other units within COG, concerning human services and public safety issues.

### II. PURPOSE:

The Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee (HSPSPC) is an advisory body established by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors. The HSPSPC is composed of elected officials and department managers and directors.

It is the goal of the HSPSPC to provide the overall oversight on human service and public safety matters for the COG Board of Directors; including law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, emergency management, corrections, animal services, public health, foster care, child care, housing and mental health and substance abuse programs.

All policies, plans, agreements, and programs, which have previously been officially adopted, approved, endorsed, or ratified by the Board, or the predecessors to the HSPSPC, the Public Safety Policy Committee, or the Human Services Policy Committee shall remain in effect unless otherwise modified pursuant to the procedures in their Bylaws.

### III. PRIORITIES FOR 2016

The priorities delineated below represent the HSPSPC focus for 2016, and provide a strategic framework for the HSPSPC's activities to improve human services and safety of the region's residents. Emphasis will be on defining the actions the region needs to take next, and looking at the impact jurisdictions have on each other.

The committee members will support efforts by the Board of Directors in regards to workforce readiness, and will address the following issues within the economic framework we are currently experiencing.

#### FEBRUARY 19, 2016 – WORK PLAN FOCUS

- Region Forward Update
- Discuss Draft 2016 Annual Work Plan

**NOTE:** Chairs of Human Services Technical Committees 2016 Priorities and Chairs of Public Safety Technical Committees 2016 Priorities will provide one page summaries of committee accomplishments for 2015 and goals for 2016 (Non-UASI), and participate in a discussion of the Annual Work Plan.

### **MAY 20, 2016 – HOUSING**

- Housing Affordability
- Identification of Veterans With Housing Needs
- Homeless Enumeration Count
- Regional Strategic Housing Affordability
- Washington Housing Leaders Group
- Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP)

### **JULY 29, 2016 – WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT**

- COG Work Force Theme 2016
- Local, State, and Federal Initiatives to Train Work Force to Meet Current Needs
- Initiatives to Assimilate Immigrants Into the Work Force
- The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Work Force Opportunities – Building Trades, Utility and Storm Water Technicians

### **SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 – PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Annual Regional Crime Report
- Regional Corrections Metrics
- Annual Regional Report on Gangs/Violence
- Police Officer Body Worn Camera Policies
- Movement to Release Nonviolent Offenders from Incarceration
- Alternatives to Mass Incarceration
- Juvenile Justice Reform

### **NOVEMBER 18, 2016 – HEALTH**

- Report on obesity
- HOC Health Indicators Project/Region Forward
- Healthy Lifestyle Initiatives
- Initiatives to Address Needs of Seniors
- Initiatives to Address Drug Abuse

### **Possible Special Meeting that could be generated by the HSPSPC**

- Mental Health matters will be incorporated into other meeting topics as appropriate.

### **Tentative HSPSPC Meeting Dates**

- February 19, 2016
- April 15, 2016
- June 17, 2016
- September 16, 2016
- November 18, 2016

### **Local Elected Official Meeting Leadership**

The Chair will request local Elected Officials to volunteer to lead theme focused meetings in April, June, September, November, and December 2016 that will include a five-minute update on an item associated with the theme area in their jurisdiction.



**Meeting Support**

COG staff will provide draft agenda to the Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the HSPSPC (Based on any guidance from the Chair and the approved Work Plan) approximately two weeks prior to scheduled meetings and schedule a conference call to discuss the draft agenda shortly thereafter. The goal will be to provide the HSPSPC agenda to all members of the HSPSPC one week prior to the meeting.