



HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, January 9, 2026
12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Conference Call Only

Chair: Julius “JD” Spain, Sr., Arlington County Board

AGENDA

12:00 P.M. **1. CALL TO ORDER**
Julius D. “JD” Spain, Sr, HSPC Chair

12:05 P.M. **2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Julius D. “JD” Spain, Sr, HSPC Chair

- Appreciation for 2025 Chair, Anita Bonds, District of Columbia Council
- Member Announcements
- Committee priorities for 2026

12:10 P.M. **3. PREPARING FOR CHANGES IN MEDICAID ENROLLMENT AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS FROM LOSS OF EXTENDED AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SUBSIDIES**
Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Director of Health, Fairfax County
Dr. Michael Becketts, Director of Family Services, Fairfax County
Perrie Briskin, Deputy Secretary, Healthcare Financing and Medicaid Director, Maryland Department of Health
Dr. Veronica X. Vela, Senior Director of Healthcare Access, Primary Care Coalition

How is the region preparing for significant public health changes in the year ahead? In addition to changes in Medicaid enrollment and eligibility criteria, local and state governments are facing the possibility of an increase in the number of residents without health insurance as the expanded ACA subsidies expire without renewals. Members will hear from representatives of Fairfax County, Montgomery County, and the state of Maryland Department of Health to learn more about how they are preparing to protect the health of all metropolitan Washington residents.

Recommended Action: Receive briefings and share information on local responses to prepare for upcoming changes with relevant staff and stakeholders.

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1:35 P.M. 4. NORTHERN VIRGINIA OPIOID TASK FORCE AND YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS: LESSONS IN REGIONAL COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION
Rebecca Sutter, Professor, School of Nursing, Mason and Partners Empowered Communities, Executive Director, George Mason University

- Ms. Sutter will share the experience from the Northern Virginia Opioid Taskforce, and how they effectively collaborate and coordinate to provide services across multiple jurisdictions. Ms. Sutter will also highlight programs within the Opioid Taskforce to meet the unique needs of youth with substance use disorders.
- Recommended Action: Receive briefing and share information with relevant staff and stakeholders.

2:00 P.M. 5. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2026

Meeting Documents:
<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2026/1/9/human-services-policy-committee/>