Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments

HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, November 13, 2026
12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

Chair: Julius D. "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

A. 2027 committee leadership and COG staffing update

B. 2026 recap

C. Member Announcements

12:10 P.M. **3. REGIONAL COMPACT TO END HOMELESSNESS – FINAL REVIEW AND ADOPTION**
Sam Kenney, COG Senior Housing and Homelessness Planner
Hilary Chapman, COG Housing Program Manager

HSPC members will review and adopt an updated draft version of the 2021 Regional Compact to End Homelessness to present to the COG Board of Directors for consideration in January 2027.

Recommended Action: Review document and vote to amend and/or adopt presenting the updated Regional Compact to End Homelessness to the full COG Board of Directors.

12:30 P.M. **DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON**
Sakina Khan, COG Director, Department of Community and Economic Services
Emilio Urteaga, Senior Economic Planner

The metropolitan Washington region is one of the few nationwide without an Economic Development District designation. COG staff are working to create a

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as the first step in the process to address and strengthen the changing needs of the regional economy. COG staff will share this new initiative, highlighting the importance of housing and economic growth to support effective human services programs.

Recommended Action: Following the briefing, share key priorities for your communities and provide input on issues COG staff and the CEDS Steering Committee should consider during the preliminary analysis phase.

1:25 P.M. **5. WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS**
Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr, HSPC Chair

1:30 P.M. **6. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the Human Services Policy Committee will be ***Friday, January 15, 2027.*** ***Happy new year!***

Meeting Documents:
https://www.mwcog.org/events/2026/11/13/human-services-policy-committee/