



## HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, May 8, 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. March meeting recap
  - B. Member Announcements
- 12:10 P.M. 3. **HOMELESSNESS IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON: PREVIEW OF THE 2026 ANNUAL POINT-IN-TIME COUNT AND HSPC PARTNERSHIP WITH COG'S HOMELESS SERVICE COMMITTEE TO ADVANCE REGIONAL GOALS**  
*Sam Kenney, COG Regional Homeless Systems Coordinator*  
*Hilary Chapman, COG Housing Program Manager*

COG has been coordinating the annual enumeration of persons experiencing homelessness, or Point-in-Time (PIT) count, since 2001. Committee members will be briefed on the findings from the 2026 PIT count prior to their release to the media and to the COG Board of Directors.

HSPC members will have an opportunity to raise specific issues, questions, and concerns that could be shared with the COG Board of Directors. *Please note that findings are under embargo until their release following the COG Board meeting at 2pm on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.*

In addition, committee members will learn more about an opportunity to collaborate with COG's Homeless Services Committee during 2026 to update the 2021 [Regional Compact to End Homelessness](#).

**Recommended Action: Receive briefings and discuss opportunity to refresh the region's commitment to preventing and ending homelessness through an updated Regional Compact.**

**12:55 P.M. 4. FOSTER PARENT OF THE YEAR APPRECIATION AND REGIONAL CHILD WELFARE UPDATES**

*Jazmin Burroughs, COG Human Services Planner*

May is National Foster Care Awareness month, and to celebrate the efforts of Resource Parents across the metropolitan Washington region, Jazmin Burroughs, will provide highlights of the COG committee's efforts to support children and families through the foster care system.

Committee members will learn about how the region is recognizing the contributions of resource parents in our region during 2026.

HSPC members are encouraged to share local efforts to recruit and support resource parents and protect vulnerable children in their respective jurisdictions.

**Recommended Action: Receive briefings and share information on recruiting and effectively supporting resource parents in member jurisdictions.**

**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 is scheduled for Friday, July 10, 2026

***Note the date of the September meeting has changed! To avoid conflicts with any planned September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial events, the Human Services Policy Committee will be meeting on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.***

***This will be a joint meeting with COG's FARM Policy Committee to focus on food insecurity. More details to come.***

**Meeting Documents:**

<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2026/5/8/human-services-policy-committee/>