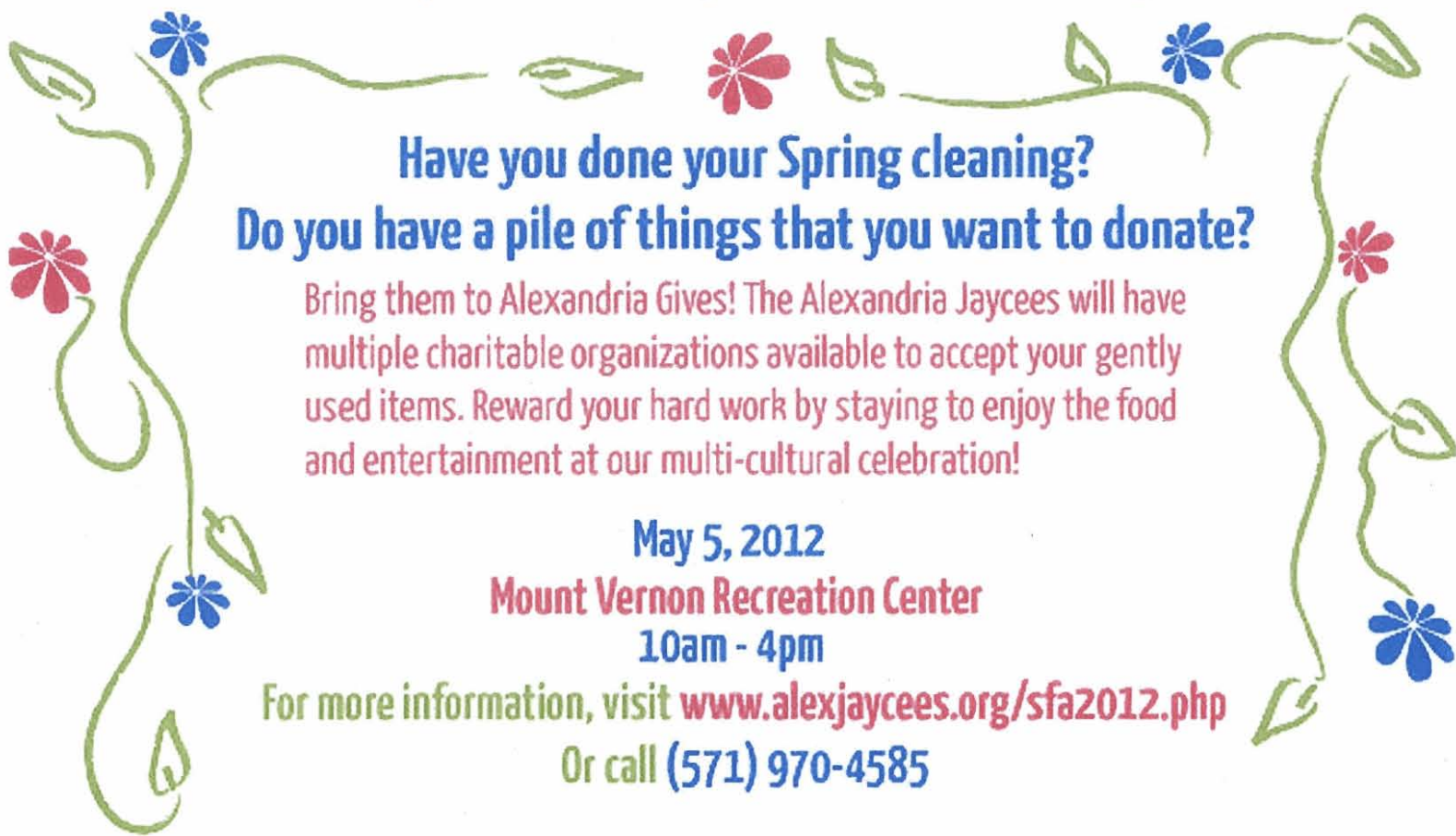


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DATE: Friday, April 20, 2012
TIME: Noon – 2pm
LOCATION: COG Board Room
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Lunch will be available at 11:30am. The meeting will begin promptly at 12:00 noon.

Please contact Renee Y. Frost at (202) 962-3343 or rfrost@mwkog.org to confirm your attendance.

AGENDA

**I. Call to order, Introductions, Approval of Minutes, & Announcements
(Noon – 12:15 pm)**

Chairman George Leventhal
Montgomery County Council Member

**II. Homeless Enumeration Count
(12:15-12:30)**

Mike Ferrell
Coalition for the Homeless, Chairman, COG
Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating
Committee

Recommended Action: Receive Briefing

**III. National Alliance to End Homelessness
(12:30-12:50)**

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**IV. Hearth Act
(12:50-1:10)**

**Ann Marie Olivia
Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs
US Department of Housing and Urban
Development**

Recommended Action: Receive Briefing

**V. Crime & Homeless
(1:10-1:25)**

**Neil Donovan
President Executive Director**

Recommended Action: Receive Briefing

**VI. Closing remarks
(1:55-2:00 PM)**

**Next Scheduled Meeting
June 15, 2012**



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Human Services & Public Safety Policy Committee

Meeting Notes

CHAIR: Hon. George Leventhal, Montgomery County

VICE CHAIR: Hon. Alicia Hughes, City of Alexandria

STAFF CONTACT: Chevelle Glymph, Chief, Health & Substance Abuse, COG
Wayne Brown, Chief, Public Safety Programs, COG

February 17, 2012

Item #1 Call to Order, Introductions, Announcements

1.1 Chair Leventhal greeted the committee members. There were no announcements. The December meeting was cancelled and there were no minutes.

Item #2 Health Officials Committee Report

2.1 Dr. Akhter, District of Columbia Department of Health briefed the committee on Health Care Reform, HIV/AIDS and prescription drug abuse. The Health Officials Committee had two meetings since the start of this year that involved Emergency Preparedness planning. They will have a Bio Hazards Disease Outbreak medication exercise on March 27 and 28th. The exercise will entail distributing medication to the public to see how quickly they can reach them.

2.2 The exercise is coordinated with the region wide exercise and includes the Government and the CDC. The exercise has four phases:

- **Phase 1**

Phase will begin on March 28th where Health Officials will deliver sealed boxes of medications to large employers to distribute to employees. This involves all of the Universities and their student if they have their own network. The government agencies will be doing the same thing so they will deliver the sealed boxes of medication to them distribute to their employees. They can deliver to 300,000 people working for the smaller employers in the District of Columbia.

The other three choices are: drive to designated lots to receive medication, go to the nearest pharmacy to pick up medication and they will reimburse the pharmacy, or go to the recreation centers where pharmacies are limited. All of the 14 Health Officers across the region should have the same answers to questions regarding the medications and its use. An antidote, if there is one will be available also. On March 13th they will have another meeting to review these policies and procedures.

- **Phase 2**

The Health Officials Committee will be looking at Health Care Reform as they were implemented in the communities, what impact it will have on the public health operations and how will it

Work with the public health community.

- **Phase 3**
Phase covers HIV/AIDS. The two discussions regarding HIV/AIDS are: the regional approach, having a regional plan in place and to have a HIV International Conference held in the District of Columbia on July 12th. The Federal Government and the District of Columbia are involved in the coordination. They have 26,000 people registered so far, the majority from Africa and Asia.
- **Phase 4**
Phase 4 covers the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs. The number of deaths continues to increase from the misuse of prescription drugs. They will look at the steps to take for the region to overcome this problem. Some jurisdictions already have in place a program for public education and collecting unused drugs for safe disposal. Psychotropic drugs are another problem.

Health Officials discovered the two areas of concern are caregivers not giving the elderly the medication but selling it and young people being prescribed more medication for behavior. They will be looking at the diagnosis and checking with the pharmacist to determine how much medication is being prescribed.

Item #3 Police Chiefs Committee Report

3.1 Chief Stephen L. Holl, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Chair, COG Police Chiefs Committee briefed the committee on the Annual Crime Report, MAOP, Law Enforcement EMS Policy, 10th Anniversary of 9-11 and SWAT Exercises.

3.2 Chief Holl followed up on two of Dr. Akhter discussion regarding prescription drugs and discarding them. As a former employee of the Police Department, he had to buy 30 pounds of blue M&Ms and 60 pounds of orange M&Ms to represent the two major types of antibiotics that would be administered in this type of drill. The other follow up was discarding prescription drugs. The Drug Enforcement Administration runs several campaigns throughout the year for people to turn prescription drugs in to be disposed of properly. The next campaign is scheduled for the spring.

3.3 The Annual Crime Report only covers 2010 and they are in the beginning process of compiling 2011 now. During that time Part 1 offenses fell 5.3% from 2009. Part 1 offenses are homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and larceny and vehicle theft. Crime rates for each of these offenses with the exception of burglary fell from 2009 to 2010 by 12.6%. They expect this trend to continue when they finish the 2011 report.

3.4 2011 was the tenth year anniversary of the attacks of 9-11. Law Enforcement Agencies from all over participated either as first responders, or law enforcement protection roles to commemorate that tragic day. They continue to develop technology that is successful in reducing crime. This is being done and funded in several places by UASI. Supporting these grants and justifying them takes a great deal of time from law enforcement leaders and project managers. Chief Holl named some of the projects and began with the LINX program which is the Law Enforcement Information Exchange and is utilized by 128 agencies in the region. It provides officers and detectives with information from each of those agencies' records management system such as license plates, nicknames, mug shots, traffic citations and other items. They also have access to other information from around the country.

3.5 In December 2011 their NCR LINXS systems was queried 130,000 times by participating NCR Agencies. Agencies outside of the NCR queried 125,000 times. There were 255,000 queries in December 2011 alone. Another project is license plate readers. Over 200 license plate reader units have been deployed in the region. The majority of them were on patrol vehicles. These units are capable of reading 900 tags per minute and compare them to a national database which can notify the officer immediately if the car is reporting stolen or being operated by a wanted person. In 2011 over 35M tags were scanned in the region.

3.6 Another project is the Automated Fingerprint Identification System collect department fingerprints to compare known prints to prints they find at a crime scene. They are developing facial recognition capability for mug shots. They are also developing mobile applications to assist their officers and deputies on the streets. These are the major programs that has been sustained and funded through UASI funds. Cuts in UASI funds have leaders concerned so they continue to look for other sources to maintain should UASI be reduced.

3.7 Training involving multiple jurisdictions and disciplines has been a priority for several years and will continue in 2012. This spring a multi-site field exercise will be conducted. The scenario will involve active shooting situations. SWAT teams from around the area will coordinate their efforts to resolve these incidents. Fire and Medical personnel will also be involved. Public Safety Officials continue to look for ways to assist injured victims at the earliest possible eve if it involves paramedic's to safely begin treatment and patient evacuation before the scene is stabilized.

3.8 Similar exercises have taken place over the past several years in response to the multi-site attack that occurred in Mumbai India in November 2008 killing 135 people. In this effort they have been joined by the Fire Chiefs who has been supportive in this effort. Due to UASI funding a number of the major SWAT teams in the area will be equipped this year with night vision goggles and tactical emergency equipment. Efforts are underway to ensure that each department is equipped with unencrypted channels that will allow continuation of the high level interoperability they have achieved in the last decade. Throughout 2012 all public safety agencies will be heavily involved in planning along with many others planning for the January 2013 Presidential Inauguration.

Item #4 Fire Chiefs Committee Report

4.1 Chief Richard Bowers, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, Chair, COG Fire Chiefs Committee provided an update on the Fire Chiefs Committee Report. Chief Bowers asked for a moment of silence for Paramedic Josh Weiss from Alexandria Fire EMS who was killed in the line of duty last week. The region come together to support Alexandria to include members of the HSPSPC. The NCR INT went in at the request of Alexandria and coordinated and worked with Alexandria Officials to provide support. They also had units from Montgomery and Prince George's County and all of the jurisdictions in Virginia running staffing apparatus out of Alexandria fire stations.

4.2 Chief Bowers made comments regarding the great partnership among members of the Fire Chiefs Committee. They have a very active group and they meet monthly either in person or by conference call. One of the things that have developed within the last 24 hours was the DDOT legislation. For Law Enforcement as well as Rescue, they have been actively involved in that legislation. The federal government will dedicate public safety communications channels for public safety. When the next event occurs they will have dedicated public safety channels or frequencies.

4.3 UASI project is something that they are continuously looking at regarding strategies and priority discussions. They have coordinated with all the municipal players such as Health and Human Services, Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue and Emergency Management, and they find the NCR IMT to be the crown jewel of this region. It is also something that every region in this country including the federal government looks at as it relates to how they operate and how they train. They can be implemented within a moment's notice for any type of incident. Everyone participates and the funding for the training has been put in place.

4.4 The Fire Chiefs Committee has had joint meetings with law enforcement and fire and rescue. One result of the joint meetings is Law Enforcement EMS (LEEMS) delivery at an active shooter incident. An active shooter means putting paramedics and firefighters alongside law enforcement personnel where someone is actively engaged in trying to take people down. They have to train and plan for that type of event. They have a draft policy in place that has been prepared jointly. They have worked side by side with law enforcement counterparts and other principle players to include the emergency managers in the planning of the 10 year anniversary of the 9-11 events.

4.5 Chief Leventhal intervened and said that when they get to the discussion regarding the work plan for the year one discussion the Chair found interesting is sharing information among the jurisdictions regarding security for Elected Officials. Chevelle has this item in the work plan for October of this year. The 10 year events planned for 9-11 in the area will heighten the awareness and level of threats in the NCR. The Fire Chiefs and Police Chiefs got together and stood up a regional information center that Montgomery County hosted. The focus, when an event occurred it went to one central place and then out to the particular players so everyone had complete situational awareness. The Fire Chiefs also got together at the National Fire Academy and had a 2 day summit. They laid out critical issues and they learned from each other. They made adjustments in their budgets. This will be an annual meeting. They plan to invite Law Enforcement from Baltimore as well as the NCR to share critical issues and best practices. They also learned that Baltimore is losing their UASI funds and this will put a strain on the NCR trying to accomplish what they can't.

4.6 In terms of the yearly review and performance, they had a fireworks community outreach, a safety, education and prevention effort and everyone in the NCR such as law enforcement and fire and rescue participated. The primary focus was to get everyone to know what the laws were in their state, region or in the District as well as preventing injuries from fireworks. This was a very successful community outreach. Also this year they will focus on the firefighters and paramedics safety. To focus on this they need to get them what they will need to prevent injuries and death. They are pushing to get a second set of gear PPE. The purpose of the PPE is to make sure that if they go into a WMD, explosive device event or chemical event that the gear they are wearing on the initial dispatch of that response is no longer any good. Without the second set of gear the regions Fire and Rescue Department could go out of business. The second set of gear put the staff back on the rigs and back responding to the daily emergencies. They are continuing to push on priorities for training, second set of gear and situational awareness.

4.7 The Fire Chief's Committee will continue to coordinate with the Police Chiefs to set priorities, have dialogue and maintain the relationships needed. They will also focus on the UASI projects in the Fire Chief's Committee that are critical to situational awareness, sharing information and response protocols in this region. The committee will continue to look for other funding opportunities such as assistance to Firefighter and Safety Grants, to get staffing, training and equipment needed. The problem with the pharmaceuticals is having an impact on the paramedics and EMTs. When they are delivering

medical care they are not able to get the pharmaceuticals needed to deliver medicine to residents. The supply is very low so they now have to use alternative drugs. This is a national, regional and local issue.

Item #5 Corrections Chiefs Committee Report

5.1 Captain Frank Milano, Chair, Corrections Chiefs, City of Alexandria, Captain in the Sheriff's Office, Division Commander of the Security Division briefed the committee on the Corrections Chiefs Committee Report. Captain Milano explained the circumstances surrounding the on duty death of a paramedic in Alexandria. There was an accident on I-395 at 6:30pm that the paramedic responded to. The paramedic was in one lane trying to get into the HOV lane. There was a guard rail with a 3 feet gap that the medic thought was solid ground but it wasn't and he fell 20 feet into a creek with rocks where he struck his head. All of the fire and Rescue, Police Chiefs, Corrections Chiefs attended the funeral.

5.2 One topic in particular Captain Milano discussed was bedbugs. Captain Milano initiated the bedbug report and as a result, the City of Alexandria has taken a proactive approach. They have read the bedbug report from New York and found that several elderly high rises have bedbugs. They haven't hit any of the jails yet. Captain Milano sent info to a committee in the City of Alexandria regarding bedbugs to try to get protocol together on this issue. This issue could affect the city employees as well as the inmates. If it does not become an epidemic, they will have measures in place they can take.

5.3 The other Health issues they address in the jails are Tuberculosis and Hepatitis. They have the negative pressure rooms where they can put inmates. They take measures to ensure other inmates or staff are not infected. At the corrections meetings they discuss issues from other jails and they learn from it. The next issue is visitation and several agencies are going towards video visitation in the correction facilitations. Visitors come down to the facility and they visit the inmate off site via television. In some jurisdictions visits can be done from home via lap top theater.

5.4 In most jails there are no contact visits. There are 2 visits per week inside the jail for 40 minutes. These visits are from behind glass over the telephone. They have exceptions called inmate work detail where they clean up the city to save the city money and perform duties such as painting street signs, picking up trash, and fill up sand bags for floods. These inmates are allowed a supervised contact visit. A Deputy would sit in the same room while they hold hands or hug. These inmates are selected based on conducted, past record and charges. Chair Leventhal wanted status on conge cal visits and Captain Milano stated they no longer exist in the local jails but they are found in prisons. Jail is for inmates with 12 months or less to serve. Anything over that is for the prisons and/or penitentiaries.

5.5 Chair Leventhal asked if there has been any study done regarding violence against family members or inmate rape. He mentioned that Dr. Joe Hidbelm was a speaker at his Health and Human Services meeting and his research focused on the issues of prison diet and how certain food with omega 3 can reduce violence. Captain Milano said that they have a new food contractor and he asked for heart healthy diet for the inmates such as a 2800 calorie diet with no salt and no fat. At present they are doing a 3800 calorie diet. This will help lower medical costs.

5.6 The Corrections Chiefs work on the wreath Laying Ceremony every year and it will be on May 5th at the Law Enforcement Memorial this year. This ceremony honors those that lost their lives in the line of duty. This year they are trying to get Eric Estrada as a speaker. He is a Bedford County Deputy Sheriff. Another issue in the jails is gangs. They have a gang subcommittee and each of the agencies

have gang representatives. When the gang members get arrested from the streets and they have gang markings on them. Their deputies can identify the gangs based on markings and fill out information on them. Gang deputies get extensive training on gangs. That helps as far as where to house gang members in the jails.

5.7 Rape is another issue of importance to the Corrections Chiefs. They haven't had any rapes in the jails. This is mainly focused on the prisons. This also focuses on staff sexual misconduct with inmates, inmates on inmates. The Corrections Chiefs are also working with the medicine for the inmates. If they have to have medicine they will get from inside the jail. The ACLU out of Richmond is in the Northern Virginia area and they are visiting the jails and interviewing the female inmates and they are focusing on the use of shackles. When the pregnant inmates go to the hospital they put a waist chain on them. They are trying to get away from staff putting waist chains on the pregnant inmates. They handcuff them in the front but they do not use waist chains for restraint.

5.8 Abortions were other issues the Corrections Chiefs discussed. Females come into the jails that want abortions and if the Deputy says they cannot have one their constitution rights are being violated. That does not happen. If they want an abortion it is set up for them to have one. The inmate would pay for it. They are also working with the Health Committee to do a drill to distribute medications in the jail because they cannot forget about the inmates. They are working on how to distribute the medications inside the jail. They have a medical contractor, CONMED out of Hanover, MD, they pay for the inmates medications and they pay for it if it gets to a certain amount.

Item #6 Emergency Managers Committee Report

6.1 Kerry Payne, Deputy Operations Chief, DCHSEMA Homeland Security and Emergency Management, filled in for the Chairperson of this committee, discussed the Emergency Managers Committee report. They work with the Fire and Police Chiefs and their health partners. The main things they have been involved in as Emergency Managers is the UASI grants as the Subject Matter Experts (SMEs). They work with Fire and Police Chiefs to update the SPGs and CAOs on why they need different projects. They are waiting for DHS to release how much FY12 grants funds the NCR will receive. This will be coming out soon and plan to see how we will move forward for FY13 and FY14.

6.2 Within the Emergency Managers Committee they are looking to see how partner groups will survive if UASI goes away; how they will maintain sustainment of all the programs, UASI contracts are working for, agencies throughout the jurisdictions, and how they will maintain the continuity programs they have had over the many years with UASI.

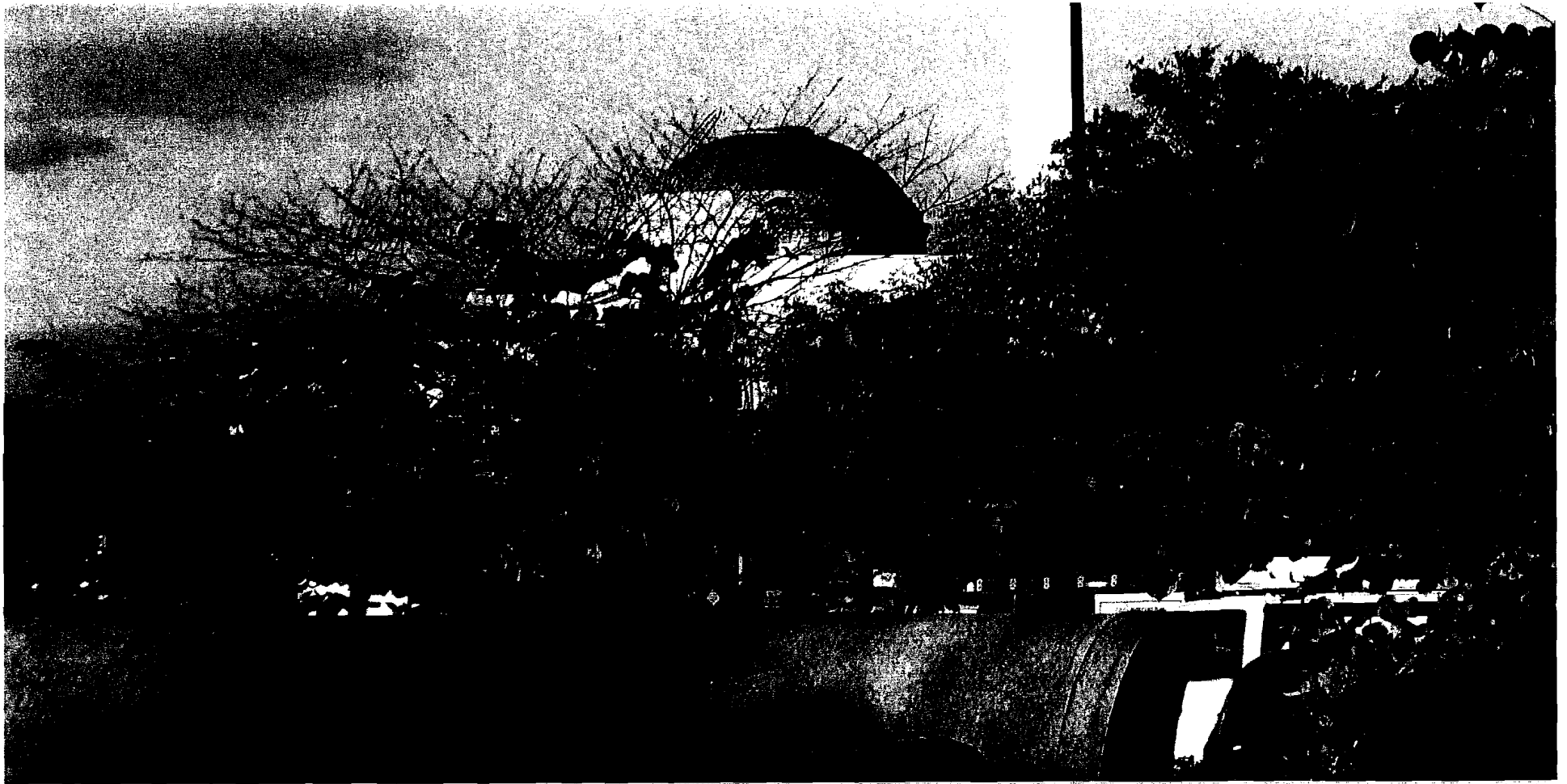
6.3 Mr. Payne manages the Emergency Operations Center and works with all the partners in the regions sharing information and situation awareness. At the forefront is the AAR Report that came out of the January 26, 2010 storm. The question is how do they maintain and how they work through the integration of Law Enforcement and Emergency Management and how do they let the public know what is going on. This is a major challenge. They are in the process of learning how to share information.

6.4 Information was not shared so they had to learn how to craft and re-craft information to put it out and to let people know to avoid certain areas. This will be the forward approach in redefining how they get information to include sharing information.

Item #7 Adjournment

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THE NEXT MEETING WIL BE APRIL 20, 2012



Preliminary Results - 2012 Homeless Enumeration for the Washington Metropolitan Region

Presented by: Michael Ferrell, Chairman

Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee

APRIL 20, 2012

2012 Point-in-Time Enumeration

- COG's 12th annual enumeration
- Conducted January 25, 2012
- Provides a one-day, "snapshot" of the region's homeless population
- Updates data on the number of unsheltered persons and persons utilizing Winter Shelters, Year-round Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing Facilities, Safe Havens and Permanent Supportive Housing within nine metropolitan Washington area jurisdictions

How is Homelessness Defined?

- Literally Homeless - People who reside in some form of emergency or transitional shelters, domestic violence shelters, runaway youth shelters, and places not meant for human habitation, which include streets, parks, alleys, camp sites, abandoned buildings, and stairways.
- Formerly Homeless - People presently living in permanent supportive housing following a period of living on the street or in emergency or transitional shelter

Homelessness By Jurisdiction, 2011 - 2012

Jurisdiction	2011	2012	Percent Change 2011 - 2012
Alexandria	416	352	-15%
Arlington County	461	451	-2%
District of Columbia	6,546	6,954	6%
Fairfax County	1,549	1,534	-1%
Frederick County	280	285	2%
Loudoun County	156	164	5%
Montgomery County	1,132	982	-13%
Prince George's County	773	641	-17%
Prince William County	566	467	-17%
TOTAL	11,879	11,830	-0.4%

NOTE: The 2011 total has changed to reflect a revision in Prince William County's family count.

Household Composition, 2008 - 2012

THE REGION'S HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS

Year	Unaccompanied Youth	Single Individuals	People in Families	Total
2012	15	6,204	5,611	11,830
2011	26	6,647	5,206	11,879
2010	16	6,763	4,995	11,774
2009	n/a	6,689	5,293	11,982
2008	n/a	7,140	4,566	11,706
2008 – 2012				
Percent Change	-6.3%	-13.1%	22.9%	1.1%

Family Composition, 2012

LITERALLY HOMELESS PEOPLE IN FAMILIES BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Families	Adults in Families	Children in Families	Persons in Families
Alexandria	49	51	88	139
Arlington County	58	77	111	188
District of Columbia	1,014	1,307	1,880	3,187
Fairfax County	249	332	505	837
Frederick County	39	42	74	116
Loudoun County	29	35	60	95
Montgomery County	126	152	229	381
Prince George's County	113	124	238	362
Prince William County	88	103	203	306
ALL COG COCs	1,765	2,223	3,388	5,611

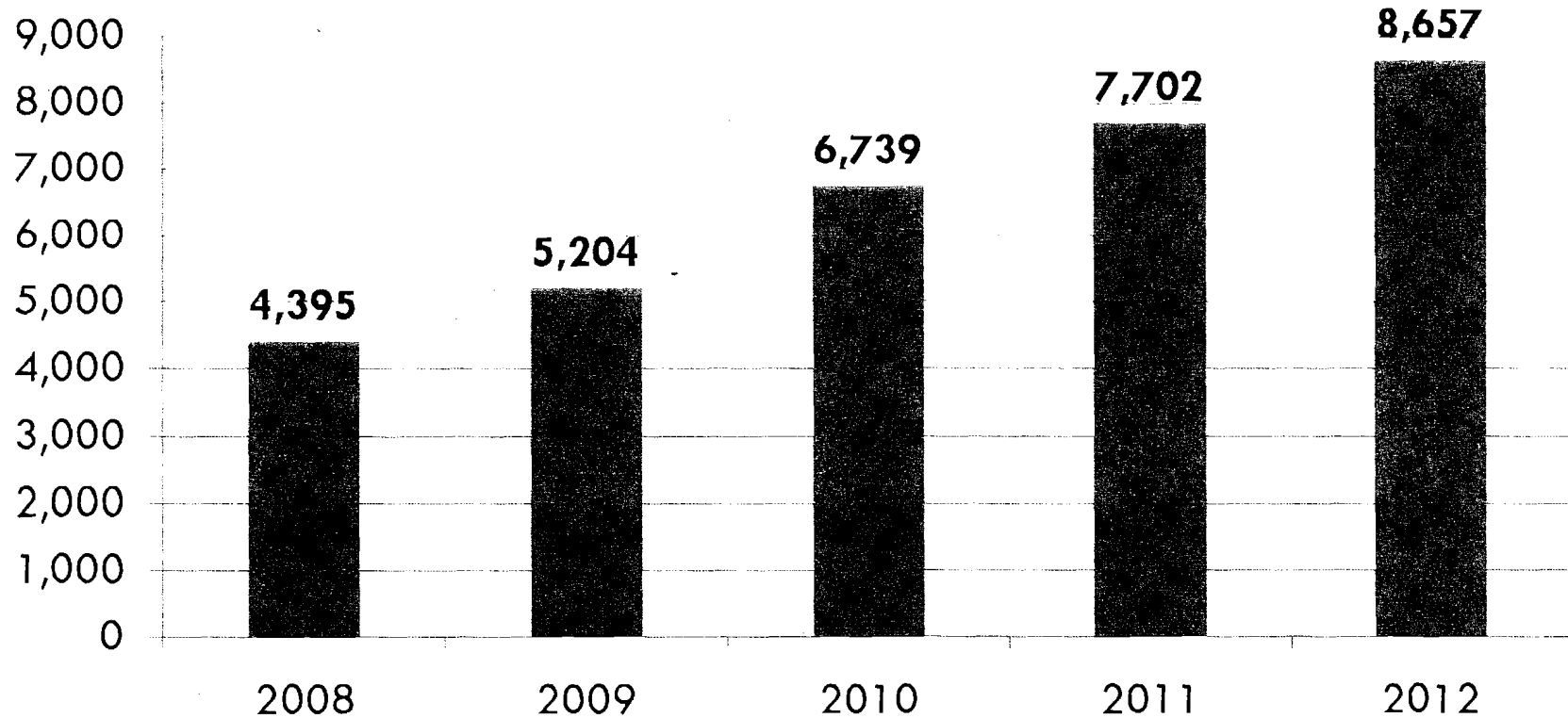
- Children represent 60% of all people in homeless families and account for 29% of the region's homeless population

Homelessness and the Working Poor

- 35 percent of all homeless adults in families are employed (3% decrease from 2011)
- 19 percent of all homeless single adults have jobs (1% decrease from 2011)
- 38 percent of all adults who have income reported that employment wages and salaries were their primary source of income (3% decrease from 2011)

Permanent Supportive Housing

Formerly Homeless Persons Residing in Permanent Supportive Housing



Recommendations to Reduce Homelessness

- Continue Housing First and Rapid Re-housing models that provide homeless residents with needed wrap-around services to assist them in their efforts to live as independently as possible.
- Implement shelter diversion programs and prevention strategies that identify households at risk of homelessness and prevents their need to be housed in local shelter programs.
- Increase and improve outreach efforts to unsheltered homeless people living in the woods and on the street

Recommendations, cont.

- Jurisdictions are encouraged to support the creation of more living wage jobs.
- The region should create affordable housing opportunities across income levels.

Are there any questions?

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