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HSC BOARD ANNOUNCES THE RETIREMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JERRY ADAMS IN 2011

Landover, MD – The Board of Directors of the nonprofit Human Services Coalition of Prince George’s County (HSC) announced today that Jerry Adams has made the decision to retire as Executive Director of the organization at the end of December 2011, after a stellar 35-year career of service to the community.

Jerry Adams began his career in the nonprofit community in a group home for adults with intellectual disabilities as a House Counselor. He went on to become Director of Employment Services and Director of Residential Services; then later became Executive Director of a service provider agency that delivered support services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Prior to becoming the Executive Director of the Human Services Coalition of Prince George's County in 2006, Adams was the Director of the Center for Human Services Development at the University of Maryland and once served for more than 15 years as Executive Director of the Human Services Institute, a national consulting firm for change agency.

This September marks HSC’s 10th anniversary of its founding. As our first Executive Director, we are proud of the community impact and organizational focus Adams has helped HSC achieve. We are more prepared than ever to fulfill our mission by providing innovative, affordable capacity-building and advocacy programs. Under his leadership, HSC has grown from a grassroots organization of 40 members focused on networking the County’s fledgling nonprofits into a dynamic enterprise with over 140 members, an \$800,000 annual operating budget and a team of four employees and three consultants.

“Most everything that HSC has accomplished is the result of a lot of creative and committed people working together,” said Adams. “I can’t really take any credit personally for our success.”



HSC's groundbreaking work--IDEAS&INFO Luncheons, the *Nonprofit Incubator Program*, INSIGHT e-publication, and *Meet the Policy Maker* forums—has improved the viability of local nonprofits and restored millions of dollars in program funding to this County. We will continue to build strong capacity-building partnerships with Maryland and regional nonprofit associations and funders even as we move forward legislation to secure Community Benefits Agreements to make nonprofit procurement of government contracts fair and efficient.

HSC's Board of Directors will retain the services of an executive recruitment firm to conduct the search for a new Executive Director. Details on the formal search will be announced September 28th in HSC's e-publication [INSIGHT](#) and will end when a successful candidate has been chosen by HSC's Board. Full details on the position will be available on HSC's new website on October 3rd.

“The whole purpose of having HSC is to position nonprofits to play a leadership role in Prince George's county,” said HSC Board Chair Maggie Holmes. “Over the years, the Human Services Coalition Board of Directors and its membership have worked hard to bring a strong voice and visibility of the nonprofit community into the discussions regarding funding, building, and strengthening area nonprofits. We are grateful to have had someone of Jerry's caliber leading that charge for us all this time.”

About HSC:

Our mission is to advance vibrant communities through excellent nonprofits. We do this by providing innovative and affordable capacity-building and advocacy programs and services. To learn more, visit us online at www.hscofpgc.org.

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