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**To: Human Services Committee**

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**From: Russell Pietrowiak, Associate Regional Planner**

**Re: Human Services Definition**

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The Human Service committee has discussed various definitions that could be used to define the term Human Services as it relates to the work of the Human Services committee at CMAP. A few definitions have been put together based on comments from various committee members below is the culmination of these efforts.

*Human Services are supportive, developmental or educational services provided to the public that are designed to enhance the quality of life and well-being of people and communities. Such services are an essential component of the region and an integral part of regional planning. Needs addressed by Human Services include, but are not limited to: personal health (both physical and mental), social relations, and maintaining or growing personal or community capacity (such as child care, education, disabilities, aging, etc).*

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discussion and comments.