

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met via Zoom on October 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Present were Edith Johnson, Chairwoman, Spencer Murray, Board Member, and Mozella Francis, Director.

On a motion by Mr. Murray, the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting were approved with no noted changes. There was no public comment or correspondence presented during this meeting.

The Board was provided a copy of the FY 2020 and 2021 FY budget. The program expenditures are consistent with what was planned at this time. There were no concerns identified about the budget.

The Board discussed the CARES Act Funding and what of that funding could be provided to vulnerable members of the community impacted by COVID-19. Ms. Francis met with Charlie and John and reviewed the funding available to date as well, possible future funding. The Agency has received \$17, 132.15 and that funding has been able to assist families whose water has been turned off. Most of the families who have received this funding reside in Exmore, VA. Mr. Spencer indicated that he will contact the Town Manager, Mr. Duer, about the city funding available outside of the CARES Act that the city of Exmore has set aside specifically for this use; Ms. Francis will follow up with Mr. Duer shortly thereafter. To date, funding for water and fuel has been paid out of the Agency's fueling funds. The influx of the community needs are specifically related to the amount of families out of work due to COVID-19. Forthcoming, Ms. Francis will be invoicing

Northampton County for reimbursement of funds paid to date. The CARES Act does have funding up to \$75K allocated for the Agency which includes what will be invoiced to date. Ms. Francis believes the remainder of funds is adequate to get to the end of the year. The Board commended on Ms. Francis' continued efforts and successes assisting all the Northampton County families in need.

The Board reviewed the high-lights of the board training conducted by the regional office. Members of the Board are expected to sign a Pre-Service Agreement indicating that they are aware of their expectations, responsibilities, and commitment as a Local Department of Social Services Board Member. Jen Cooper, Eastern Regional Administrative Manager, has reached out to Board Members who were not in attendance at previous trainings informing them of upcoming training dates. Mr. Murray informed the Board that he has signed up for the training scheduled in December.

As the fall season approaches, Ms. Francis advised the Board that the Agency doors will continue to be closed to the public; however, the same services via mail, online, and telephone communications will stay in place.

On a motion by Chair, Spencer Murray, the Board went into Closed Session in accordance with Section 2.1-344 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, for the purpose of discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining appointees or employees of any public body.

The Board returned to Open Session.

On a roll call vote certifying to the best of each member's knowledge, only public matters exempted from the public meeting and in the original motion were discussed. The vote was Chairwoman Johnson: and Board Member Murray: yes.

The Board received and accepted Mr. Williams' letter of resignation due to health issues. The letter will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors to begin the process of filling the vacancy as a result of Mr. Williams' resignation.

The next Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Edith Johnson, Chairman
October 20, 2020

Attested by _____
Mozella F. Francis
Director