

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on January 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Present were Edith Johnson, Chairman, John Williams, Vice Chair, H. Spencer Murray, Board Member & Mozella Francis, Director.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Williams, the minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting were approved with no noted changes. There was no public comment or correspondence.

The Board was provided a copy of the FY 2020 budget. The budget is right in line as predicted with no notable deviations although there was some fluctuation during the last quarter of 2019 due to three pay periods falling in November and employees that were paid from short-term disability. Mr. Murray inquired if projections beginning January 2020 to the end of the year have been accounted for without a surplus. Mrs. Francis informed the board that she does not predict any surplus.

Ms. Francis provided an update on Family Services and Benefits Programs indicating no significant changes besides the caseload increase due to Medicaid Expansion. The agency is scheduled for an IV-E review on February 13, 2020.

Reneta Major, FS Specialist, provided the Board an update on Child Care/VIEW. Ms. Major informed the board on how family composition is determined. She added that the VIEW caseload today remains the same as it was at this time last year. It was noted that

there has not been a wait list in Child Care in the past six years however; there are currently two to three children on the waitlist. Ms. Major also noted that childcare has become more automated and is being referred to as electronic childcare. VIEW will begin focusing on ABAWDS between the ages of 18-49. Currently Northampton County is under a waiver for this program. Ms. Francis reported that the agency is strategizing and putting a plan in place for when SNAPET goes live on April 1, 2020.

Ms. Francis reported that we currently have 942 Medicaid Expansion enrollees and expect up to 1,000. Mr. Murray requested that Ms. Francis include this information when reporting to the board of supervisors. **Action Item: Mr. Murray requested that Mrs. Francis provide an update of the agency profile at the next board meeting.**

The Board was notified that the Housing Authority is conducting the PIT (Point in Time) count on January 22, 2020 and the agency will be participating with the surveys.

The FY2021 budget needs are being addressed hoping that the State will not only see the shortage of teachers and educators but also see the shortage of trained, professional, family services workers to perform cps and foster care duties. Mr. Murray emphasized the importance of stressing agency needs during the budget preparation process.

Ms. Francis reported on homeless funding. Currently there is a balance of approximately \$1200

remaining. Homelessness continues to increase in this county.

The Board was informed that the agency will be posting employment positions in the coming weeks for the Clerical Department and Family Services.

On a motion by Board Member Murray, and seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, 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 Chairman Johnson: yes, Vice Chair Williams: yes, Board Member Murray: yes.

Ms. Francis will be out of the office in Richmond for the Virginia League of Social Services Executives Board Meeting/State Legislative Meeting over the period 1/28 through 1/30.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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Edith Johnson, Chairman  
February 18, 2020

Attested by

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Mozella F. Francis  
Director