

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on May 21, 2019. 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 Mr. Murray, the minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting were approved with no noted changes. There was no public comment or correspondence.

The Board was provided a copy of the 2018-19 budget. The budget is right in line as predicted, with no notable outliers. May marks the end of the fiscal year and with three pay periods in the month, expenses will be higher than usual.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board that the state had passed an overall DSS employee pay raise of 3%. Acceptance of the raise is dependent upon Board approval. Vice Chair Williams motioned to accept the pay raise with Board Member Murray's 2nd.

The Board was given an update on the Benefits programs. All departments are operating at status quo with no significant changes or developments, other than the Benefits department which continues to see a steady influx of new Medicaid applications – currently up to approximately 625 new Medicaid cases from the expansion. Mr. Murray asked Mrs. Francis if she could provide him with the exact

number of Medicaid cases in Northampton County at the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Francis advised the Board that Eastern Shore Community College will be at NCDSS from 5/20 through 5/22 conducting training for VIEW clients on work skills. Mrs. Francis had ESCC come to the agency to do this because of the hardships many of our clients face with finding transportation.

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

Mrs. Francis will be out of the office on 6/4 for the CWAC State Committee in Richmond. She will also be out of the office on 6/11 for a presentation to the Board of Supervisors and 6/17 for the Regional Director's Meeting in Norfolk.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday,
June 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Edith Johnson, Chairman
June 21, 2019

Attested by _____

Mozella F. Francis
Director