

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on September 24, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Present were Edith Johnson, Chairman, John Williams, Vice Chair, H. Spencer Murray, Board Member & Mozella Francis, Director.

On a motion by Board Member Murray, the minutes of the August 20, 2019 meeting were approved with no noted changes. There was no public comment or correspondence.

The Board was provided a copy of the 2019-2020 budget. The budget is right in line as predicted, with no notable outliers.

The Board was given a rundown on the 4th QTR Agency Dashboard. The Agency's numbers were very similar to the 3rd QTR numbers. Some areas the Agency scored very well in & others there needs to be some improvement. The agency continues to work towards decreasing congregate care percentage. Mrs. Francis explained that with there being so few children in foster care, one congregate placement care can have a significant increase on the percentage of those placed in that level of care.

The Board was given a Fraud Report update from Fairy McPherson, Fraud Investigator. Mrs. McPherson gave an overview of her job role and explained the impact it can have for the Agency – one error found on an application in August saved

over \$6000 alone. Board Member Murray asked Mrs. McPherson “Where do your referrals come from?” She replied “Cases are referred to me either by the worker or by tips from the public.”

Mrs. Francis informed the Board that the Toys for Tots/Angel Tree Holiday event will happen December 18th and 19th at the middle school.

Mrs. Francis and the Board discussed agency staffing. Currently, there are job postings online and in the Eastern Shore Post for a Benefits Program Specialist II and a Secretary II.

The Board was informed that of the \$25,000.00 in unused FY18-19 funds that the County allowed us to roll-over and earmark to combat homelessness has been making a difference. \$12,500.00 was given to the Eastern Shore Area on Aging Community Action to help seniors and \$12,500.00 remained for the Agency to use. \$8,500.00 of Agency funds have already been put to use.

On a motion 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.

Mrs. Francis will be out of the office 9/27 for the Housing Summit in Onancock, 10/1 – 10/3 for VLSSE in Hot Springs and 10/8 for the State of the Schools at Northampton High School.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Edith Johnson, Chairman
October 22, 2019

Attested by _____
Mozella F. Francis
Director

