

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on November 12, 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 Board Member Murray, the minutes of the October 22, 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. We are at the mid-year point of the fiscal year and at this time, we may either request additional funds or return funds. Usually we have been able to return Adult Protective Services funds, but due to the growing number of homeless cases in the county, we cannot do that this year. It is also possible that we may have to request additional funds for the In-Home Companion Program.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board that she was invited to sit on the Complete Count Committee. Mike Mason, County Administrator of Accomack County and Charles Kowalski, County Administrator of Northampton County, formed the the Accomack-Northampton joint committee to aid in solving problems associated with obtaining an accurate census count. There are three areas of concern identified as a result of the last census and they are

children 5 and under, young African American males and the migrant population are not being accurately counted.

The Board was given an update on the Agency's appeals. There were three appeals since last meeting, two SNAP and one Medicaid. A client is allowed an appeal every time a service is denied. All three appeals were upheld in the Agency's favor.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board that the Agency would be closing at 1:00pm on December 13th for a staff development meeting & a retirement celebration for the three longtime employees retiring in 2020.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Williams, and seconded by Mr. 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 in Richmond on 12/3 through 12/4 for the TANF/VIEW

Conference and on 12/9 for the Regional Board Meeting. She will be back in Richmond again on 12/11 for the State Board Meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Edith Johnson, Chairman
December 17, 2019

Attested by _____
Mozella F. Francis
Director