

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on July 26, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm. Present were William Denny, Chairman, Edith Johnson, Vice Chair, John Williams, Board Member and Mozella Francis, Director, Will Adkins, Secretary.

On a motion by Mr. Denny, the minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting were approved with no noted changes. There was no public comment or correspondence.

The Board was provided a copy of the 2017-18 budget. The Agency received a sizeable amount less than last year. When asked why that was by Mr. Williams, Mrs. Francis responded that it is likely due to us returning unused funds from the 2016/17 fiscal year. We did not fully staff during last year's fiscal budget which impacted spending. Mrs. Francis was not concerned with the decreased budget as asking for additional funds, under budget line 858, if needed, is always an option. The concern is to keep enough matching funds available as budget line 858 carries a much higher local match. Mr. Denny made a motion to accept the 2017/18 Budget and it was seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Francis updated the Board on Child Care Services. NCDSS is encouraging the current vendors to get licensed and this will be emphasized in the future vendor recruitments as the state moves towards this becoming a requirement for subsidies in the

future. The Agency is currently undergoing a shift in recruitment to more license-minded and “Daycare as a Business” oriented vendors.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board that the Quality Assurance & Accountability Review the State has conducted every sixty days with Family Services in response to the Rockbridge DSS scandal has been pushed back to every ninety days now. NCDSS has done very well in all past reviews and had zero errors from Child Protective Services last review. Mrs. Francis also pointed out a change in legislation due to the Rockbridge DSS scandal. The State Attorney General’s office can now enter and review any DSS if it is deemed necessary. Under past legislation, a certain percentage of the DSS budget had to come from the state to allow them to review the given agency.

The Board was provided information on the Members Helping Members program by ANEC. This program allows ANEC account holders to donate on their monthly billing statement to people in need. Accomack DSS usually receives the larger percentage of donations since they are the larger county, but Mrs. Francis asked the ANEC Board to review their process and give based on need. This led to Northampton DSS receiving a larger portion of the donations than in previous years.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board of the two pending retirements and the one retirement in early 2018. Jo Anne Voss – Benefit Program Specialist III – will retire on October 31, 2017. Bonnie James –

Human Services Assistant II – will retire late September or early October 2017. In March of 2018, Ed Stetar – Self Sufficiency Specialist III – will retire. Child Care and VIEW will merge into one position with Mr. Stetar’s retirement.

On a motion by Chairman William Denny, 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 Denny: yes, Vice Chair Johnson: yes and Williams: yes.

There were no action items at this time.

Mrs. Francis has no out-of-office meetings or trainings scheduled before the next Board Meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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| _____ William Denny, Chairman August 15, 2017 | _____ Mozella F. Francis Director |

