

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on September 21, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. Present were Edith Johnson, Vice Chair, John Williams, Board Member and Mozella Francis, Director.

On a motion by Mrs. Johnson, the minutes of the August 15, 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. Agency expenditures are on an even pace with last year and right on course with the budget projections. Expenditures are slightly elevated this year due to the increases in staffing. Many people may not have access to long term care as a result of Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center closing and as a result our APS/AS services may increase.

The Board was updated on Agency staffing and recruiting. There is currently an online advertisement and an advertisement in the Eastern Shore Post for a second Benefits Supervisor. Also a Family Services Supervisor has been hired, but not announced yet.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board that Child Care will again be under scrutiny this year as fallout from the Rockbridge Social Services continues. A new set of CSA rules and regulations was issued in September for agencies to adhere to. Both Northampton DSS and Accomack DSS are working

to become aligned with one another with a focus on continuity of records.

The Board was notified that out of the six children in foster care, three have goals of adoption and the agency is currently working through the court processes for them now. Also applications will be going out soon to local schools for Toys for Tots/Angel Tree. This event will take place on December 13-14<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board as to the status of the Why Try Program, which is an after school program for at-risk children. The agency has found two young men to run the program and provide a positive male figure for the children. A follow up plan is currently being developed to keep up with the kids after they complete the program. A maximum of eight children can participate in the program and they are either referred to the agency by court mandates or from their school.

On a motion by Vice Chair Edith Johnson, 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 Vice Chair Johnson: yes and Williams: yes.

There were no action items at this time.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Attested by \_\_\_\_\_  
William Denny, Chairman  
October 17, 2017  
Mozella F. Francis  
Director