

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on April 17, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Present were Edith Johnson, Chairman, John Williams, Vice Chair and Mozella Francis, Director.

On a motion by Mr. Williams, the minutes of the March 20, 2018 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 currently right on target with the estimates. The Agency purchased a SUV, a Ford Flex, in March as a larger vehicle for family transport was needed. The Agency will also look to raise In-Home Companion hourly wages in June 2018 to coincide with the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Mrs. Francis updated the Board on the proposed Medicaid expansion. It has still not been adopted, but looks likely. This would mean 600-800 new cases for the Agency. A new Benefits Specialist II, Anna Olandez, was hired and will begin the end of April. She will be primarily focused on adult Medicaid cases, but will also take on family and children cases as well.

The Board was given an updated overview on each Agency department highlighting the current caseloads and the challenges they face. Vice Chair

Williams asked that the number of founded versus unfounded cases along with any funds retrieved be included on the Fraud Report.

Next, The Board was briefed on additions to the Agency Safety Plan. Blueprints of the building will be posted in several locations to show all the exits in case of emergency. Also, the Agency servers are due to be updated. This update will allow for the installation of an intercom system for the entire Agency.

On a motion by Vice Chair John 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.

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the FY 2019 Compensation Plan and it was seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Francis will be out of the office on April 18th to attend the State Board of Social Services Meeting in Richmond. She will also attend the Director's Conference in Hampton May 7 – 9 and the District Meeting in Hampton on May 31st.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Edith Johnson, Chairman
May 15, 2018

Attested by _____
Mozella F. Francis
Director