

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on June 22, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Present were Edith Johnson, Chairman, John Williams, Vice Chair, H. Spencer Murray, Board Member and Mozella Francis, Director.

On a motion by Mr. Williams, the minutes of the May 15, 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 have been higher than usual, as the Agency purchased another vehicle before the end of the fiscal year. Even with that purchase, the Agency will be able to return a sizeable amount of unused funds to the county.

Mrs. Francis gave the Board an update on the Agency programs. Benefits is running status quo. Each worker is within their case limits and getting prepared for the increased cases that Medicaid Expansion will bring. The TANF caseload remains low at only 42 cases in the county and since August of 2017, the Fraud Department has collected over \$28,000.00. All hard copies of program reports are attached to the Board Minutes.

The Board was informed that the Kin Gap Act will become effective July 1, 2018. This act allows the DSS to provide monetary assistance to relatives

willing to take in a child in a permanent status. Hopefully, this will go a long way towards alleviating some of the hardships of these situations. Another act passed in February of 2018 – the Family First Act will become effective on October 1, 2018, but will not be fully implemented until October 2019. This act provides prevention funds, to be used in cases where it is evident that without prevention for the family, children coming into care is imminent. The act can cover services such as substance abuse counseling, rehab, etc. for a parent or guardian in the home.

On a motion by Board Member H. Spencer 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.

Action Item: Mr. Murray and Mr. Williams asked Mrs. Francis to compose a staff impact analysis of the increased insurance rate.

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' schedule for the remainder of June and early July is to be determined.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Edith Johnson, Chairman
July 17, 2018

Attested by

Mozella F. Francis
Director