

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on October 17, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm. Present were Edith Johnson, Vice Chair, John Williams, Board Member and Mozella Francis, Director.

On a motion by Mr. Williams, the minutes of the September 21, 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; the only differences being the new agency hires and the 2% salary raise that came into effect in August. A couple of things that could impact the budget in the coming months would be the policies of the new governor and if the Block Grant is decreased or cancelled.

Olivia Collins, Family Services Supervisor, gave the Board an update on Family Services. There are currently six Foster Care cases, three of which have goals of adoption. Child Protective Services has three open investigations at the moment. Child Care has 27 cases currently. The numbers are down due to changes in regulations. Adult Protective Services currently has 100 active cases, which stays fairly constant. Northampton County has a high population of older adults; the challenge for APS is the increase

of UAIs which require a lot of the worker's time in addition to case management.

The Board was informed about two new hires for the agency. Elizabeth Hanna was hired to fill the Family Services Specialist II position and another Benefits Program Supervisor has been hired as well, but not yet announced.

The Board was notified that on November 14, the agency will have another scheduled Quarterly Review of Child Protective Services by the state. No issues are expected and the ongoing focus on prevention should help keep the CPS caseloads down.

Mrs. Francis provided the Board with a CSA update. In September new CSA rules were issued to the agency along with a notification of audit. Due to the frequent changes with CSA, Mrs. Francis will meet with the county administrators to support a joint CSA Coordinator for Northampton and Accomack Counties.

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, November 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Attested by _____
William Denny, Chairman
November 14, 2017
Mozella F. Francis
Director

