

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on March 20, 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. Murray, the minutes of the February 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 returned some funds allocated for In-Home Companion salary due to the lack of companions. Possible new solutions for the low number of companions include mileage compensation and higher wages.

Judy Robbins, Office Manager, informed the Board that the state Division of Finance sent a Local Review Team to conduct a financial review of the agency. They were interested in our checks and balances to guard against fraud. Their findings were favorable and they made a couple minor procedural suggestions, which the agency has adopted.

The Board was also informed of a Quality Assurance and Accountability Review recently conducted of Foster Care and Child Protective

Services. The findings were also favorable with only minor procedural corrections being suggested.

Mrs. Francis spoke, using new information, on what it would mean for the agency if Medicaid Expansion, as outlined in the Governor's Budget, were to be passed. Medicaid Expansion would likely mean 1000 more Northampton residents would become eligible for Medicaid.

The Board was informed that a much needed bi-county CSA Coordinator position has gotten one step closer to becoming a reality. Accomack County Board of Supervisors approved the cost of the hire contingent upon budget approval by the Northampton County Board.

The Board was also notified that the agency is in the process of contracting an attorney. An agency contracted attorney would prevent any possible conflicts for CPS cases, as the current situation has the Northampton County attorney acting on the agency's behalf as well as the County's. Four attorneys have been contacted, all of which are local.

On a motion by Board Member 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.

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 and Murray: yes.

Mrs. Francis will be out of the office on March 29<sup>th</sup> to attend the Director's District Meeting in Hampton. She will be at the VLSSE Conference Meeting in Kiptopeake, VA on April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> and in Richmond on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> for the State Board of Director's Meeting. The CSA Conference is tentatively scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Roanoke.

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

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

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Edith Johnson, Chairman  
April 17, 2018

Attested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Mozella F. Francis  
Director

