

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on January 17, 2017. Present were William Denny, Chairman, Edith Johnson, Vice Chair, John Williams, Board Member and Mozella Francis, Secretary.

On a motion by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Johnson, the minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting were approved with one noted exception. Mr. Williams wanted a noted explanation as to the \$55,000.00 payout for the four pending 2017 retirements. *The retirement payout is based on accumulated annual & sick leave. The four pending retirees have more than 120 years of combined service to the Department of Social Services.*

There was no public comment or correspondence.

The Board was provided a copy of the 2016-17 budget. The Board was given an actual copy and prediction of anticipated spending for the remainder of the fiscal year. There were no noted concerns and all agreed to accept the budget as presented. The state fiscal year ends on May 31, 2017.

The Board was given an updated summary of the Toys for Tots/Senior Drive for the 2016 Christmas season. A total of 461 children and families received gifts, as well as 61 seniors. The Board was very pleased and felt that Toys for Tots/Angel Tree was very helpful to the community at large.

The Board was informed of the upcoming QAA Review scheduled for February 23, 2017. Mrs. Francis explained that this review would focus on CPS & Foster Care Services. Mr. Williams requested that an outcome presentation be made after the review.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board that she had met with a local medical provider to increase community collaborations and communication. These efforts will continue as this is one of the strategic goals for 2017. Mr. Denny emphasized the importance of having a good image in the community as an agency and be willing to work well and closely with other agencies.

The Board was provided with the requested information in regards to the Fraud Investigator I position. Mr. Williams wanted an update of the position within the past five years. Mrs. Francis informed the Board that since 2013, there have been four fraud investigators in the position. Ms. Johnson asked if there were any ideas as to why there was so much turnover in the position in the past five years. Mrs. Francis discussed past concerns and informed the Board that Fairy McPherson had been hired as the new Fraud Investigator I. Her start date is February 6, 2017.

On a motion by Chairman William Denny, 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 Denny: yes; Johnson: yes and Williams: yes.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board of her upcoming schedule: Excellence in Leadership – February 2-3 & 15-16 in Richmond, Virginia.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Attested by _____
William Denny, Chairman
February 21, 2017
Mozella F. Francis
Secretary

