

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on October 11, 2016. Present were William Denny, Chairman, Edith Johnson, Vice Chair, John Williams, Board Member and Mozella Francis, Secretary.

On a motion by Mr. Williams, the minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting were approved with no noted changes. There was no public comment or correspondence.

The Board was provided a copy of the 2016-17 budget. Mrs. Francis reviewed the budget in its entirety. There were no noted discrepancies with the budget and it was accepted as presented to the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board that all positions had been filled with the exception of the Fraud Investigator I position for which applicants are currently being screened.

The Board was given an overview of Phase II VaCMS and explained the agency impact. Mrs. Francis explained the she, Benefit Supervisor and Department, along with other key staff members had been attending trainings in regards to the updates and status of the new system. The system-wide utilization of VaCMS was scheduled for October 3, 2016. There were some hiccups but the staff worked together causing minimal disruption to the customers.

Mrs. Francis reviewed the holiday schedule with the Board informing them of the days that the agency was scheduled to be closed. The Board was also informed of Toys for Tots that is scheduled for December 14 & 15 at the old middle school.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board of the Agency Strategic Goals which consist of: 1- Increasing community presence and collaboration; 2- Reviewing of processes and procedure to increase overall adherence to policy and procedure throughout the agency(strategic focus: family services); and Professional Development. The Board agreed with the plan and emphasized the importance especially in light of what has taken place at the Rockbridge DSS regarding CPS. The Board was updated on the status of Rockbridge and the continued implications of the potential outcomes for DSS's across the state.

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: DMAS Meeting in Newport News on October 18; Board Training Meeting in Virginia Beach on October 19; BIPRO Conference in Richmond, Va on October 24-26 and Director's Conference in Bristol, Va on November 2-4.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Attested by _____
William Denny, Chairman
November 15, 2016
Mozella F. Francis
Secretary

