

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met via Zoom on September 22, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Present were Edith Johnson, Chairwoman, John Williams, Vice Chair, Spencer Murray, Board and Mozella Francis, Director.

On a motion by Mr. Williams, the minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting were approved with a correction of the date of the last meeting. There was no public comment or correspondence presented during this meeting.

The Board was provided a copy of the FY 2020 and 2021 FY budget. The program expenditures were on target at this time. There were no concerns identified about the budget.

Mrs. Francis updated the Board on the proposed Plan for the agency as the fall season approaches. The plan is to keep the doors of the agency closed and continue to provide services as they are to the public. Ms. Francis informed the Board that when necessary, clients are being seen face to face at the agency and family service workers continue conduct both face to face and virtual home visits. The growing concern continues to be if an outbreak were to occur the impact on both staff and the ability to do business. As long as this works - keeping the doors closed lessons the likelihood of a coronavirus outbreak as well as the impending flu season. **The Board agreed to assess on a month-by-month basis and continue to follow state plans pertaining to and inclusive of all local Virginia Agency processes across the state.**

The Board discussed the CARES Act Funding and the services that could be provided to vulnerable members of the community impacted by COVID as well as families in need of assistance for distance learning. **Mr. Williams inquired about the exact monetary figure available for assistance. Ms. Francis agreed to present the funds available to assist in these areas at the next meeting in October, 2020.**

On a motion by Vice Chair John Williams, 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 Chairwoman Johnson: yes, Vice Chair Williams: yes and Director Murray: yes.

The next Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

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Edith Johnson, Chairman  
9/22/2020

Attested by

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Mozella F. Francis  
Director