

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met telephonically, Zoom, on May 19, 2020. The meeting was called to order under code §2.2-3708.2 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Edith Johnson, Chair, John Williams, Vice Chair, H. Spencer Murray, Board Member & Mozella Francis, Director.

April's board meeting minutes were deferred until the next regularly scheduled meeting in May. There was no public comment or correspondence.

The Board was provided a copy of the FSY 2020 budget. There were no discrepancies identified. Ms. Francis reviewed budget line expenditures to date and explained any significant variances in monthly spending. Ms. Francis informed the Board that she did not anticipate having to use pass-thru funds to end out the current fiscal year. She explained that there has been an increase in calls and referrals for APS & AS, which was expected in light of COVID-19.

Ms. Francis updated the Board of Directors as to the status of the Agency since the doors closed to the public on March 20. She discussed what a "new normal" might look like and that she is working on the development of a different delivery business model in light of COVID-19. Mr. Murry verbalized his support of proactive thinking and wanted the Board of Directors to be kept apprised. Ms. Francis informed the Board that Family First has been deferred until January 2021.

Full services continue to be provided to the community that include CPS, APS, and Foster Care. Face to face meetings are conducted only when necessary. Agency hours have not changed. Ms. Francis informed the Board that she is updating the Agency COOP plan and will present the Agency re-opening plan during the next Board of Director's meeting.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Williams, and seconded by Mr. 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, Board Member Murray: yes.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Edith Johnson, Chairman
May 19, 2020

Attested by _____
Mozella F. Francis
Director