

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on November 15, 2022. The meeting was called to order under code §2.2-3708.2 at 9:00 am. Present were Edith Johnson, Chairwoman, Janice Langley, Board Member, and Mozella Francis, Director.

On a motion by Ms. Langley, the minutes of the October 18, 2022, meeting were approved. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. There was no public comment or correspondence.

The Board was provided with a copy of the FY 2023 budget. Ms. Francis pointed out that VIEW expenditures were significantly more than in the previous year due to having several clients in the VIEW program who were homeless. Unfortunately, this significantly impacts the VIEW budget as most of the homeless clients are receiving services. Ms. Francis is going to ask the state for additional funding during the midyear review. Ms. Francis pointed out that this request comes at a cost as this will require local matching funds.

Ms. Francis reported that Social Services will be giving back funds from budget line 814, Fostering Futures. Ms. Francis indicated that we currently do not have any foster care youth eligible for this benefit for this fiscal year. All funding will be given back to the State during the midyear review period in December. Ms. Langley motioned to accept the budget as presented and Ms. Johnson seconded the motion.

Ms. Francis updated the Board of Directors on all programs, VIEW, Childcare, Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, In-home, SNAP, Medicaid, and Foster Care. Ms. Francis noted that there is currently legislation to approve an increase in the Auxiliary Grant funding. This funding will provide additional monetary contribution to the caring of adults who need assisted living. Ms. Francis reminded the Board that currently, there is no assisted living facility on the shore and that all our clients reside within the Hampton Roads area. We currently have eleven adults who would be impacted by this increase if it passes.

The Toys for Tots/Angel Tree Program application period has ended, we have received 272 angels/132 families and an additional 30 children who will be eligible to receive gifts from the toy closet. The gifts will be disbursed on December 13th and 14th, 2022.

Ms. Francis advised that the Agency will be having its Christmas celebration/staff development on December 9th.

Ms. Francis noted that we had a tremendous number of attendees at the Adult Services Luncheon in October. We are looking to reconvene with another session in January 2023.

Ms. Francis will present to the Board of Supervisors at the January 2023 meeting. Ms. Francis will update the board on the state of the agency for the past couple of years.

Ms. Francis advised that a vehicle was donated to the Sheriff's office which was approved by the Board at the May 2022 board meeting.

Social services continue to operate under a public health emergency. Therefore, Medicaid renewals will continue to be on hold. Ms. Francis will update the board at the next meeting. It is anticipated that the PHE will not be lifted until March 2023.

On a motion by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Langley, 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.

Ms. Langley made a motion and Ms. Johnson seconded to allow Ms. Francis to use the approved Agency Compensation Plan, at her discretion, to offer compensation to staff.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Attested by	
Edith Johnson, Chairman	Mozella F. Francis
November 15, 2022,	Director