

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on February 18, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Present were Edith Johnson, Chairman, John Williams, Vice Chair, H. Spencer Murray, Board Member & Mozella Francis, Director.

On a motion by Board Member Murray, the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting were approved with no noted changes. There was no public comment or correspondence.

The Board was provided a copy of the FY 2020 budget as of January. The budget is right in line as predicted with no notable deviations. With the FY 2019 funds leftover, it is possible that the Agency will procure another vehicle which is highly necessary for the long distance trips the workers make managing cases. Forecasting to the end of June 2020, Ms. Francis does not predict any surplus.

Ms. Francis provided an update on Adult Protective Services, Child Protective Services, Fostercare, VIEW, and Childcare with the data from the Agency profile as requested by Mr. Murray at the January Board meeting. There were no further questions.

Ms. Francis provided an understanding of why Northampton County is currently under the waiver for ABAWDS. The Federal Government will mandate, on April 1, that ABAWDS will lose the SNAP benefit unless they are enrolled in a work participation program or meet an exemption.

Northampton County has been working diligently to put a SNAPET program in place to offer ABAWDS who voluntarily request work participation in lieu of losing their SNAP benefit.

Childcare has been impacted due to the new mandate that all applications are required to be reported to the Division of Child Support.

The Board was informed of the Agency open positions that are being advertised. Interview selections will begin after the application deadline.

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

Ms. Francis will be out of the office in Richmond on February 28, 2020.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Edith Johnson, Chairman
March 17, 2020

Attested by _____
Mozella F. Francis
Director