

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met telephonically, Zoom, on June 16, 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.

The Board Minutes for May were reviewed. Mr. Williams motioned to accept and Mr. Murray seconded. The Minutes were approved as presented. There was no public comment or correspondence.

The Board was provided a copy of the FY 2020 budget. There were no discrepancies identified. Ms. Francis reviewed budget line expenditures to date and provided feedback as needed. Ms. Francis informed the Board that at July's Board meeting she would have the total amount spent in local funding and the amount determined to be returned to the County. The Board inquired as to the possibility of funds being retained to help with future FY 2021 expenses. Ms. Francis informed the Board that funds were not allowed to be carried over between fiscal years.

Ms. Francis reviewed the Agency's dashboard for the 2nd quarter that is posted on the State website. Mr. Murray asked about how staff were handling the increase in applications and in which areas was the Agency seeing the greatest impact. Ms. Francis explained that there had been a significant increase in both SNAP and Medicaid applications. New applications have begun to slow down but it is hard to anticipate as we move closer to the fall. Ms. Francis discussed agency plans moving forward and

what other parts of the State were doing in regards to re-opening to the public. Board Chair asked that Ms. Francis continue to keep the Board of apprised of any changes and anything that significantly affects Department of Social Services.

Full services continue to be provided to the community that include Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services and Foster Care. Most of the staff continue to telework. Ms. Francis informed the Board that a member of the staff did test positive for COVID-19. She informed them that the employee is doing well and that Agency is following all CDC guidelines to keep staff and others as safe as possible.

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.

Director continues to attend multiple virtual meetings to keep abreast of changes and policy updates.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:45 a.m.

Edith Johnson, Chairman
June 16, 2021

Attested by

Mozella F. Francis
Director