

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met via Zoom on March 16, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Present were Edith Johnson, Chairwoman, Spencer Murray, Board Member, and Mozella Francis, Director.

On a motion by Mr. Murray, the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting were approved with no noted changes. There was no public comment or correspondence presented during this meeting.

The Board was provided a copy of the FY 2021 budget. Ms. Francis noted that the budget is significantly lower due to understaffing at the Agency however, spending is consistent with past months and is expected to increase with new hires.

Ms. Francis updated the Board on the Governor's budget stating that the 5% raise, as discussed in past Board meetings, will be effective July 1, 2021.

The SFY- 2020 Loss Profile was reviewed. Mr. Spencer noted the report provides a phenomenal amount of data. He commented especially on the amount of people on Medicaid, those living in poverty, those without health insurance, and the number of children living in single households being extremely high.

Ms. Francis provided an update on Family Services indicating Foster Care currently has seven cases of which two are very challenging. Ms. Selene Brown and Ms. Kim Hudgins from the Benefit Programs department were introduced.

Ms. Brown reported on the performance

measures from January 2020 to January 2021. Ms. Brown noted that all SNAP, supplemental, expedited and non-expedited, as well, TANF applications were processed at 100% as of January, 2021. The number of TANF cases is 27, which is low.

Ms. Hudgins reported that the Medicaid processing reports at 99.5% completion. The reason for the slight shortfall is due to the overflow from the Central Processing Unit.

Ms. Francis is working on an Agency Re-Opening Plan which will begin bringing some staff back into the office. All other status quo in regards to the Pandemic remain in place.

On a motion by Chairwoman Edith Johnson, 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.

The next Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Edith Johnson, Chairman
March 16, 2021

Attested by _____
Mozella F. Francis
Director