

The Northampton County Board of Social Services met in the Board Room of the Social Services Building on September 21, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Present were Edith Johnson, Chairwoman, Spencer Murray, Board Member, Janice Langley, Board Member, and Mozella Francis, Director.

On a motion by Mr. Spencer Murray, the Minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting were approved with one small change which was noted. Ms. Janice Langley seconded the motion. There was no public comment or correspondence.

The Board was provided a copy of the FY 2022 budget. There were no discrepancies identified. Ms. Francis reviewed budget line expenditures to date and explained any significant variances in monthly spending. There were no questions from the Board Members. Ms. Langley made a motion to approve the budget and, Board Member, Mr. Murray seconded the motion.

Ms. Francis reviewed all of the services programs. The Agency has been actively seeking new vendors for Child Care and Foster Care. The Agency participated in a campaign at the local Food Lion in Cape Charles, Virginia to recruit new vendors in the community. In Adult Protective Services, we continue to see a static trend in receiving APS referrals. Within Child Protective Services, we are receiving an abundance of calls, and the complexity of the cases requires more attention than normal. Within Foster Care, there are six children in care; three of them are in Fostering Futures (young adults 18-21 years that

volunteer to stay in foster care). We have a Foster Child scheduled to age out in November. Even though Fostering Futures youth are adults, they must have face-to-face monthly visits no matter where they reside.

Ms. Francis briefed the Board on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of which came into Act on March 2021. Ms. Francis submitted a proposal to the County and is waiting for an update.

Ms. Francis presented the Agency Dashboard of Northampton County Department of Social Services that is submitted quarterly by the State. The Dashboard provides an overview of the Agency in both services and programs as it relates to the state's compliance metrics that have been established. Ms. Francis also reviewed the (PIMR) Performance Indicators Monthly Review with the Board. Discussion ensued surrounding the Reports. The Board thanked Ms. Francis for the hard work of her and the staff. *Mr. Murray stated, "I have never looked at these measures as the true indicators of how well an agency is doing. I know that there is so much more than what these indicators show as to what is happening on a day-to-day basis".* All of the Board agreed.

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. No motions came out of the Closed Session.

Ms. Francis reviewed her upcoming schedule with the Board. There were no questions or concerns.

The next Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Edith Johnson, Chairman
September 21, 2021

Attested by _____
Mozella F. Francis
Director