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FAUQUIER COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
October 30, 2018

Attendance:

Advisory Board: Paul McCulla, County Administrator; Jack Ledden, DSS Director; Frank Finn, FCPS; Beth Foddrell, PATH Foundation; Erin Kozanecki, Director, OMB. (Absent: Mittie Wallace, DSS Program Manager)

Other: Laura Brown, DSS Program Manager; Mimi de Nicolas, DSS Program Manager; Azita Fetterer, DSS Administrative/Finance Manager; Erika Visnevskaja, CSA Coordinator; Rochelle Ferguson, DSS Domestic Violence Advocacy Program; Judith Kimpflen, DSS Adult Services Worker II; Barbara Cook, DSS Senior Program Assistant

The meeting began at 4:05 p.m. in the DSS Janet Shannon Conference Room

The meeting minutes for August 20, 2018 were approved.

Public Comment

No public attendance.

Budget FY20 Update – Azita Fetterer

Ms. Fetterer reported that the FY20 budget re-statement was submitted and is \$450,000 higher than the original submission due to the Medicaid Expansion funding and a CSA Wrap Services increase. Efforts are underway to maximize revenue through Fostering Futures programs and family partnership meetings. Medicaid Expansion begins November 1. Mr. Ledden noted that the addition of Medicaid expansion and Adult Services staff brings the DSS employee count to 60.

Program Updates

Benefits Programs – Laura Brown

Ms. Brown said that to facilitate Medicaid Expansion, PATH foundation is sponsoring Sign Up Now workshops. The hiring process continues for new benefit workers to accommodate the expansion and new workstations to accommodate staff will be installed soon. She explained the Fast Track process for prospective qualifiers and discussed the wait list and funding issues for Child Care.

Family Services – Mimi de Nicolas

Ms. de Nicolas discussed working with Schools on suicide prevention programs protocols and standardization. She related program stats and volumes and positive outcomes on individual cases.

Children's Services Administration – Erika Visnevskaja

Ms. Visnevskaja spoke about CSA audit outcomes, Special Education Day Placement numbers, increased SPED Wrap funding, state study to standardize outcome measures for private day schools, and another study sponsored by OCS to review rates and costs of Special Ed day placements with the goal being to create a methodology for the state to build a standardized rate structure for Special Ed day placements.

Adult Services and Domestic Violence Advocacy – Jack Ledden, Rochelle Ferguson and Judith Kimpflen
In Mittie Wallace's absence, Mr. Ledden reported on the PATH Community Insights study, implementation of PeerPlace case management software, and the appointment of staff member Judith Kimpflen to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board.

Ms. Kimpflen explained the purpose of the Area Agency on Aging and the population served by DSS Adult Services.

Ms. Ferguson reported on the Domestic Violence Awareness Fair organized by her team and held on October 20th at Liberty High School. The group discussed feedback on the event, event expenses, partner organization support, and the need for a survivor's shelter facility in our community. Ms. Ferguson expressed appreciation to the many partner organizations and groups who assisted with the Fair and to Mallory Stribling in OMB for her work in obtaining the DVAP grants.

Board Member Comments

None

County Updates & Comments – Paul McCulla

Mr. McCulla spoke about the two-year budget cycle, salary compression, cyber security, and progress on opening the county's addiction recovery center.

Meeting adjourned 5:12 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2018 (Meeting was cancelled)