

**FAUQUIER COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
January 24, 2019**

APPROVED

**Attendance:**

Advisory Board: Paul McCulla, County Administrator; Janelle Downes, Director, Human Resources; Frank Finn, FCPS; Beth Foddrell, PATH Foundation; Erin Kozanecki, Director, OMB; Jack Ledden, Director, DSS

Other: Laura Brown, DSS Program Manager; Mimi de Nicolas, DSS Program Manager; Azita Fetterer, DSS Administrative/Finance Manager; Erika Visnevskaja, CSA Coordinator; Mittie Wallace, DSS Program Manager; Barbara Cook, DSS Senior Program Assistant

The meeting began at 2:30 p.m. in the DSS Janet Shannon Conference Room. There was no December meeting.

The Board welcomed new member Janelle Downes.

The meeting minutes for October 30, 2018 were approved.

**Public Comment**

No public attendance.

**Program Updates**

**Administration & FY20 Budget – Azita Fetterer**

Ms. Fetterer discussed Administrative staff changes and training and current efforts to encourage benefit applicants to apply electronically. She gave an overview of the approved DSS FY20 budget, explaining allocation changes from the previous year.

**Adult Services and Domestic Violence Advocacy – Mittie Wallace**

Ms. Wallace reported on program statistics, unit staffing, a successful transition to PeerPlace case management, and several inter-agency activities including Safe Dates programs being offered by our Domestic Violence Program in all three high schools this year. The DCJS grant renewal application for FY20-21 is due soon.

**Benefits Programs and Medicaid Expansion - Laura Brown**

Ms. Brown discussed Medicaid Expansion staffing, difficulties with VACMS and Federal Marketplace application processing, workflow processes and the increase of applicants versus the expected potential. SNAP benefits and the partial Federal government shutdown's possible impact were also discussed.

**Children's Services Administration – Erika Visnevskaja**

Ms. Visnevskaja provided statistics and reported that other localities are interested in mimicking processes our agency uses for several programs.

**Family Services – Mimi de Nicolas**

Ms. de Nicolas reported on current agency program statistics and national adoption and foster care statistics. She described some recent case work.

**Announcements & Board Member Comments**

None

**County Updates & Comments – Paul McCulla**

Mr. McCulla spoke about the Board of Supervisors' work to address salary compression and COLAs. The group briefly discussed the desire to capture a more accurate count of homelessness in our county and the affordable housing shortage.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.**