

**FAUQUIER COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
April 8, 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: Azita Fetterer, DSS Administrative/Finance Manager; Erika Visnevskaja, CSA Coordinator; Mittie Wallace, DSS Program Manager; Barbara Cook, DSS Senior Program Assistant; Guests: Dr. Courtney Gaskins; Carl Street, Jr.; Shelley Hensley; Jim LaGraffe

The meeting began at 4:01 p.m. in the DSS Janet Shannon Conference Room.

The minutes for the January 24, 2019 meeting were approved with no changes.

**Public Comment**

No public attendance.

**Community Program Overviews**

**Healthy Families Fauquier – Shelley Hensley, Supervisor for Skyline CAP**

Ms. Hensley gave an overview of HFF services a project of Skyline Community Action Partnership, including the organization's target population and the core and specialized service offerings. Mr. McCulla asked about measures that would indicate program effectiveness.

**REACH Homes – Jim LaGraffe, Executive Director for Community Services**

Mr. LaGraffe explained the Easter Seals program that provides temporary housing and services for mental health crises stabilization. A home will soon open in Culpeper for children and another for adults.

**Youth for Tomorrow – Dr. Courtney Gaskins, Vice President of Program Services and Carl Street, Jr, Assistant Vice President of Programs**

The speakers explained the services provided by the organization, including upcoming additions to staff and service offerings. The group discussed arranging a meeting with J&DR District Court Judge Melissa Cupp to increase awareness of the programs.

**Program Updates**

**Administration & FY20 Budget – Azita Fetterer**

As Ms. Fetterer needed to leave the meeting early, her update was read by Ms. Cook. It related some general information about the adopted FY20 DSS budget and expected reimbursements from federal and state sources.

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

Ms. Wallace reported on program statistics, status of the grant renewal requests, and mentioned a donation to our Domestic Violence Advocacy program from a fund raiser run by Marie Washington.

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

Ms. Visnevskaja reported that an analysis shows more children are being served this year with fewer dollars. Some program areas have more spending but the expenditure is appropriate for the needs of those being served. The analysis also shows a greater rate of children being served locally.

**Family Services – Mimi de Nicolas/Jack Ledden**

As Ms. de Nicolas was not able to attend, Mr. Ledden reported on current Family Services statistics and related a recent commendation by a social worker at UVA of our Family Services Workers Jennifer Costa and Paula Brewster for preventative services on a high risk case.

**Benefits Programs and Medicaid Expansion - Laura Brown/Jack Ledden**

As Ms. Brown was not able to attend, Mr. Ledden reported that the number of new Medicaid enrollees since the expansion rollout is now 1200. The estimate of eligible new enrollees was 1700.

**Announcements & Board Member Comments**

Mr. Ledden stated that he was contacted by state DSS regarding their desire to use our Domestic Violence Advocacy program as a model program. He gave an update on the agency's transition to a new check generating process. Dr. Levi Rizk, Medical Director of our Marathon Health Employee Wellness Center gave a presentation on wellness and stress at DSS' recent all-staff meeting. Mr. Ledden and Mr. Finn are forming a county employee running group.

**County Updates & Comments – Paul McCulla**

Mr. McCulla stated that the county's approved FY20 budget includes COLA and merit increases, an additional DSS service worker, and the pay increases for reclassifications. The BOS will be looking at expanding Marathon Health services to employees' families and adding mental health services.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.**

**Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2019 at 4:00 pm**