

**FAUQUIER COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
December 9, 2019**

APPROVED

Attendance:

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

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

The meeting began at 4:03 p.m. in the DSS Janet Shannon Conference Room.

The minutes for the October 21, 2019 meeting were approved with no changes.

Public Comment

No public attendance.

Program Updates

Admin Support – Katie Johnston

Ms. Johnston stated that our recent FY21 and FY22 budget request included funding in FY21 for an additional full time Family Services Worker and for an existing part time Associate position to become a full time position. Progress is being made towards DSS' transition to automated check processing. Our agency was selected at random for a FY19 expenditure desk review. Materials have been submitted and we are waiting for the follow up phone interview.

Adult Services and Domestic Violence Advocacy – Mittie Wallace

Ms. Wallace reported on current program caseloads for Adult Services and Domestic Violence Advocacy. She mentioned the current trend towards long term care screenings for adults living at home with self-neglect and the uptick in hoarding behaviors creating safety issues. Outside funding to purchase professional remediation services for hoarding was discussed. The Domestic Violence Advocacy Program recently presented the Safe Dates program at all three county high schools.

Benefits Programs and Medicaid Expansion - Laura Brown

Ms. Brown gave an update about the Toys for Tots program, home heating crisis assistance and Dominion Energy assistance, status of fraud claim investigations and changes to the claim amount threshold requiring Commonwealth Attorney review. She also reported on Medicaid eligibility changes, upcoming SNAP work and job training requirements, and staff workloads and the need for more supervisory roles.

Children's Services Administration – Erika Visnevskaja

Ms. Visnevskaja reported on case volumes and expenditures to date in comparison to last year at this time and discussed current trends in the types of cases and services and monitoring needs. Changes have been made to FAPT scheduling to accommodate more families needing appointments. Ms. Visnevskaja is working with local providers to keep them up to date on Family First (July 1, 2020 implementation) and the services that will be IV-E reimbursable, including trauma focused CBT (TF-

CBT), Multi-systemic therapy (MST), Functional Family Therapy (FFT), and Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT). Behavioral Health Redesign for Medicaid reimbursable services will eventually move to reimbursing these services as well.

Family Services – Mimi de Nicolas

Ms. de Nicolas reported on adoption case status, changes to court appointments in Circuit Court, and the upcoming foster care holiday party. The advantages of in-home parenting training over parenting skills classes were discussed.

Announcements & Board Member Comments

The Board of Supervisors has re-appointed Erin Kozanecki to the DSS Advisory Board for a new four-year term that ends December 31, 2023.

County Updates & Comments – Paul McCulla

Mr. McCulla stated that FY21 department budget requests are still under review. BOS is working on the concept of consolidating all three courts to one building and is working with the School Board regarding middle school facility needs. Alice Jane Child building capacity and the county holiday luncheon were also briefly mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm

Next Meeting Date: to be announced