

FAUQUIER COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
April 19, 2021

Approved

Attendance:

Advisory Board: Janelle Downes, Director, Human Resources; Frank Finn, FCPS; Beth Foddrell, PATH Foundation; Erin Kozanecki, Deputy County Administrator; Shel Bolyard-Douglas, Director, DSS; (Absent: Paul McCulla)

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

The meeting began at 4:01 p.m. in the DSS Janet Shannon Conference Room. A quorum was reached with Ms. Kozanecki, Ms. Douglas and Ms. Downes physically present. The other attendees participated virtually.

The minutes for the February 16, 2021 meeting were approved.

Community Updates & Comments-Erin Kozanecki

Fauquier County continues practicing their Covid Plan. The State has increased new a threshold for outside the agency. There has been an increase in Covid in the younger population and others who have had a Covid shot.

Program Updates

Administration Support- Kathryn Johnston

Ms. Johnston announced April 21 is National Administration Professional Day. She recognizes her team for all the hard work they continue to do. Nanette Robinson has been hired to fill the Program Specialist Position. Thomas Brothers has suggested to merge CSA and Social programs to make the Thomas Brothers system more efficient.

Family Services – Mimi de Nicolas

The State is making changes in the Adoption, Foster Care and CPS computer system. All assessments will be done in a different database. Ms. de Nicolas provides stats for her department. The Board has approved a Social Worker for Prevention (In home / Family Support) Program. We have one staff member trained and on staff at the present for the July 1 start date.

Benefits Programs and Medicaid Expansion - Laura Brown

Ms. Brown discussed her concern with increased workload and individuals in Medicaid. In June, Benefits will have a Management Evaluation. The team is participating in trainings pushed by the State due to high error rates. Ms. Brown is hoping the Board looks at competitive salaries for our area.

Adult Services and Domestic Violence Advocacy-Mittie Wallace

Ms. Wallace provided stats for February and March for the APS. A record was set in March for 66 valid reports.

DV stats were provided for February and March. Safe Date Program continues with 9th grade Kettle Run and Fauquier High School. Students.

Community engagement was partnered with Grace Episcopal Church. APS and DV workers helped distribute Easter food boxes and pet food to residents in the northern Fauquier County community. Staff members are volunteering at the Vaccination Clinic. The Town of Warren Police Chief changed policy on how to communicate all domestic violence calls for services.

Children's Services Administration (CSA)-Erika Visnevskaja

Ms. Visnevskaja provided stats for CSA. CSA audit had some unofficial feedback that was shared. FAPT meetings are smoothly running virtual but some would like face to face. Families are happy school is back to session 4 days a week.

Announcements & Board Member Comments

Ms. Douglas stated Board Member packets are getting organized for each member. The Board Members thanked Laura Brown for her years of services and best wishes on her retirement.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 21, 2021