

FAUQUIER COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
August 17, 2022

Approved

Attendance:

Advisory Board: Janelle Downes, Director, Human Resources , Erin Kozanecki, Deputy County Administrator; Shel Bolyard-Douglas, Director, Nick Napolitano, FCPS, (Absent Beth Foddrell)

Other: Helen Walters, DSS Program Manager, Kathryn Johnston, DSS Administrative/Accounting Manager; Cindy Giles , APS Supervisor , Sherri Carr, DSS Senior Program Assistant, Shannon Wilkinson, Foster Care and Adoption Supervisor,(Absent : Mittie Wallace).

The meeting began at 11:05 a.m. in the DSS conference room. A quorum was reached with Ms. Kozanecki , Ms. Douglas, Mr. Napolitano and Ms. Downes present. Other attendees participated virtually.

The minutes for the June were approved.

Community Updates & Comments-Erin Kozanecki

Ms.Kozanecki announced the board of supervisors has a pending board member resignation for the Cedar Lee district. The board will be looking to fill until the next election cycle November 2023. .

Program Updates

Administration Support- Kathryn Johnston

DSS is two months into FY 23 State budget. The agency has used eighteen percent of our funding. The agency has four vacant position not filled in the department. The DV grant has been awarded. The Refugee Resettlement Program has been allocated starting in August. County budget planning for FY 24 and FY 25 is in the process. Goals for FY 23, maximizing reimbursements with the use of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act, American Rescue Plan Act and client service via their Special Welfare.

Family Services –Shannon Wilkinson

The Permanency Unit is fully staff since the end of June. Ms. Wilkinson went over foster care stats. The State has implemented the Faster Families Highway online system to help identify potential foster families throughout Virginia. The hope will allow agencies to connect to foster parents in Virginia who maybe potential matches for children searching for adoptive homes. Ms. Wilkinson discussed a case with the Board regarding three children where the court had gone against the Department's recommendation.

CPS was named on the short list in the Northern Region for continually meeting state requirements and sometimes above the required percentage .Staff presented information on mandated reporting to staff and parents at Head Start. They have also arranged similar presentation to the local new hire law enforcement.

Benefits Programs and Medicaid Expansion –Helen Walters.

. The Public Health Emergency will be till 2023. Benefit team has filled their Pender position with Lena Neighbors. The State will be switch DSS from Google Sulta Platform to Microsoft 360 before the end of September. DSS will be in Phase 2 on updating our band width. Ms. Walters want to praise her team for meeting 100% in timeliness rate in expedite and non-expedite processing Snap, Childcare and Tanf.

Adult Services and Domestic Violence Advocacy Cindy Gile

APS has two vacancies in the department. Ms. Gile stated they have been going through the applications.

DV finished up their Table Talk with the Oak Senior Living. Staff have been conducting outreach education with Head Start and Fauquier teachers.

Children's Services Administration (CSA) Michael Mahoney

Mr. Mahoney conducted training with School social worker on FAPT processes. He has future training with CSB and Department of Juvenile Justice. The goal is to get documents, files and parental copy up to date. Mr. Mahoney will be attending the CSA Conference in November.

Announcements & Board Member Comments

Ms. Douglas talked about the DCJS grant building towards accreditation. The board will have to take 8 hours of DV training. The next meeting the board will talk about the options for the training.

Ms. Douglas thanked HR for managing the coming and goings plus finding the right people to fill our vacancies,

Next Meeting Date: December 21, 2022