

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY  
BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

April 5, 2011  
McCoart Building -- Occoquan Room

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ann Wheeler  
George Orr  
Hilda Barg  
Kevin Raymond  
Margaret Covington  
Molly Davis  
Amelia May

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Betty Vanegas

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Janine Sewell  
Kay Taylor  
Lisa Tatum  
Victor Evans  
Charles Toothman  
Terri Stott  
Linda Meier  
Kathy Sumby

Chairman Wheeler opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Orr and seconded by Ms. Barg to accept the minutes of March 15, 2011 as presented. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Mr. Barg and seconded by Ms. Covington to accept the minutes of April 4, 2011 as presented. Motion passed.

**CITIZENS' TIME:**

No citizens present.

**PRESENTATION:**

Kathy Sumby from the Family Treatment Team gave a presentation on Family Partnership Meetings. Kathy spoke about core values of families and how the family engagement model has

been adopted by the State. A family partnership meeting takes place when a child is a high risk case or when a child is being removed from a family. The purpose is to recruit family members to be part of a plan and the decision making process for the child and to make sure that the child has an ongoing family relationship. In Prince William County, there are 10 part-time facilitators. Whenever there is any change that affects a child's status, i.e., change in foster care (whether coming or going); family concerns, etc., a family partnership meeting takes place. Even if a child cannot be kept from foster care the child knows he has a relationship with the family partners—this makes an immense difference for the child.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None.

**DISCUSSION:**

**D-1 Board Retreat June 4 – Janine Sewell**

Janine Sewell asked the Board what they want to have as an end goal for the upcoming retreat. Janine met with Desiree Wolfe who asked if there is a specific product the Board wants to leave the retreat with. If that is the case, she would like to get some direction from the Board in order to help facilitate that goal. Desiree suggested that we send out a survey to the Board ahead of time to see what each of them expect out of the retreat by figuring out their priorities. The Board thought that was a good idea. Hilda Barg suggested as a goal, 'how do we best do our job—are we missing something?' Ann Wheeler suggested they set strategies; 'where do we want to focus our thoughts? As a Board member, how can we do better? How do we get more involved in the community?' Hilda Barg suggested that the Board work on how they respond to the community when things go wrong. Ms. Barg believes it would be beneficial to have Angela Horan at the retreat. Ann Wheeler asked that Janine talk to Ms. Horan and see if she is available and willing to participate. Janine also talked with Desiree about PR to ask how we can improve our image with the community.

**D-2 Update on Winter Shelter – Terri Stott**

The Winter Shelter concluded its season on March 31. Terri Stott talked about the handout she gave to the Board. Out of 151 nights the shelter was open, 215 different clients visited the shelter and stayed at least one night. The majority of clients were between 18 and 61 years of age. Approximately 25 veterans were served. Largest number of referrals were self-referrals, besides referrals from community agencies, friends and families.

The fire inspections went well. Maintenance was completed including installation of video cameras, partitioning off of staff space, and painting. The number of police calls is down from last year. The Shelter employed the services of Secure Core until March 12th.

Terri shared her experience of spending an evening at the Shelter—she conveyed ‘a moment in time’ that a female client felt warm and welcome as she bedded down for the night at the Shelter.

It may be proposed that we extend the season for the Winter Shelter for 3 additional weeks next year.

**D-3 Proposed FY12 Budget Update**

Mr. Orr believes that if Board members call and keep pressure on their Supervisors, they may have enough to votes to get the people we need for BECC (8 full time, 5 semi-perm).

Mr. Orr went over the JDC equipment with Mike May—who agrees it needs to funded as a public safety issue.

**DIRECTORS' TIME:**

No items.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ann Wheeler received the Foster Parent Breakfast invitation for May 14.

Kay Taylor reminded the Board that April is Child Abuse Prevention month. There are several activities planned.

Janine Sewell passed around the Valor Awards booklet.

Lisa Tatum thanked Ann Wheeler for the presentation she gave to the Board of County Supervisors regarding the request for additional employees. Lisa told the Board that the DSS Staff appreciated Ms. Wheeler’s presentation as well.

Terri Stott- Homeless intervention program has exhausted all funds for new clients but will continue to serve the clients they already have. Three Outreach to Detention personnel nominated for awards. Molanari shelter kids helped out with Chris Hruby’s retirement party.

Victor Evans informed the Board that although the Governor’s Proposed FY 2012 Budget Related to CSA was defeated in session, the Governor has put the proposed actions back as amendments for reconsideration during the reconvened session. Victor urged us to contact our legislators and urge them to reject the two actions.

**BOARD MEMBERS TIME**

Hilda Barg will attend the Child Abuse and Neglect Conference in Richmond on April 11. Katrina Graves of the DSS Family Treatment Team will be getting an award.

Molly Davis informed the Board that the college-sponsored ‘Dream Tour for At Risk Youth’ for kids between the ages of 11 and 15 will be taking place in April.— Please invite kids you may

know that are not considered college material—i.e., foster kids, at risk kids. This event is to help motivate and inspire them to go to college.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION made by Ms. Covington and seconded by Mr. Orr to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.



Ann B. Wheeler, Chairman  
Prince William County  
Board of Social Services



Janine M. Sewell, Director  
Prince William County  
Department of Social Services