DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD



MEETING MINUTES

HILDA BARG, CHAIR, AT LARGE SCOTT CONNELLY, BRENTSVILLE JOE MEYER, GAINESVILLE JACOB D. MOSSER, COLES IDRIS O'CONNOR, NEABSCO

CLARICE TORIAN, VICE CHAIR, WOODBRIDGE *

ANDRÉA WILSON – OCCOQUAN

LAURIE WILSON, POTOMAC

*ABSENT FROM MEETING
** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

July 20, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center

A farewell dinner was held for Chair Barg celebrating her retirement from the DSS Advisory Board. Chair Barg opened her final Advisory Board meeting, at 6:55 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 18, 2021, meeting were approved. (June's previously scheduled meeting was cancelled). [AW, JDM; unanimous]

Public Comment

None.

Presentation

None.

Action Items

- Elect a new Co-Chair to DSS AB: **MOTION** was made to nominate Laurie Wilson to be the Advisory Board's new co-chair [JDM, AW; unanimous approval].
- Send a letter from Chair Barg on behalf of the Board to John White, Human Services
 Manager of the VIEW Program, congratulating him on his retirement and thanking him for
 his over 30 years of services to PWC. [Approved by unanimous consent].

Chairman's Time

Director's Time

- Public Input Session The Director told the Board about the meeting with the public at a
 potential site for a western homeless navigation center. Due to public resistance to the
 specific site, the project has been put on hold until a new site can be found.
- Juvenile Services Center a smaller number of beds and other alternative detention measures are in the plans for the new center.
- CAC Design phase is complete and renovations to the space in the Ferlazzo building will commence soon.

Board Members' Time

Marcus Alert Implementation Working Group Update – Laurie Wilson Strategic planning has been taking place on how best to get the word out about the Marcus Alert system and the planned behavioral crisis services that will be available. DSS Advisory Board Meeting July 20, 2021 Page 2

All human services boards are required to have a member that also serves on the Housing Board. Since Ms. Barg, Chair, was the DSS representative, we will be asking Clarice Torian if she is willing to volunteer for the position. If not, Laurie Wilson has volunteered to be the representative.

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM. [JDM, SC; unanimous].

APPROVED: Linda Meier

Clerk to Board