

MEETING MINUTES

CLARICE TORIAN, CHAIR, WOODBRIDGE
SCOTT CONNELLY, BRENTSVILLE
JOE MEYER, GAINESVILLE
JACOB MOSSER, COLES
IDRIS O'CONNOR, NEABSCO
ANDRÉA WILSON, OCCOQUAN
LAURIE WILSON, VICE CHAIR, POTOMAC
VACANT, AT LARGE

September 21, 2021

6:00 P.M.

*ABSENT FROM MEETING
** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

Manassas Senior Center Dining Room, Manassas, VA

The Annual Judge's Dinner took place this evening. Four of the five Juvenile and Domestic Relations Judge's attended. In addition, staff from the County Attorney's office as well as DSS staff were in attendance. Presentations on Families First (Foster Care), Children's Services Act, Child Protective Services and Juvenile Services were given by DSS staff. In addition to the DSS Director, Deputy Director, Clerk to the Board and Board Members, guests/attendees included:

Judges

Judge D. Scott Bailey Judge Jan Roltsch-Anoll Judge Jacqueline Lucas Judge Lisa Baird

County Attorneys

Megan Kelly Jamie Meletis Brendette Walker Caroline Lochabay

DSS Staff

Phyllis Jennings-Holt Bridget Alston Theresa Wilson Jessica Webb Jaime Aguilar William Jackson

Open Meeting

Clarice Torian, new Chair of the DSS Advisory Board, opened the regular board meeting at approximately 7:17 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 20, 2021, meeting were approved. [JDM, SC; unanimous]

Public Comment

None.

Presentation

None.

Action Items

• Laurie Wilson, DSS Advisory Board's Co-Chair will be the new representative to the Housing Board [approved by unanimous consent].

Chairman's Time

• Clarice Torian thanked the Board for their confidence in her to lead the group and pledged to do her best as the new Board Chair.

Director's Time

Afghan Refugees – Currently there are 89 Afghani children in PWC Schools. At this point DSS is not involved with the refugee process – it is a Federal Action. Affordable housing is going to be the biggest issue.

- Foster Care there have been 3 serious mental health incidents with foster children recently and, due to the unavailability of beds in any facility where mental health treatment is available, all 3 had to be taken to the 'ER' to get stabilized.
- Work is beginning on the RFP for the eastern Homeless Navigation Center. FFM continues to look for a place/land for a western center.
- 4th Quarter FY21 Reports –PDF's were emailed to the Board.
- Manassas Baptist Church has agreed to open a hypothermia shelter this year.

Board Members' Time

- Marcus Alert Implementation Working Group Update Laurie Wilson
 A new '988' number that people can call for mental health emergencies will be implemented early next year.
- Housing Board Laurie Wilson will attend the meeting in October.

<u>Adjournment</u>

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM. [JDM, LW; unanimous].

APPROVED: Linda Wation here

Clerk to Board