

MEETING MINUTES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

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

> *ABSENT FROM MEETING ** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

September 20, 2022

7:25 P.M. Manassas Senior Center

The Annual Judge's Dinner was held this evening beginning at 6:00 PM. Four Juvenile Judges from the 31st District Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court attended. Others in attendance were representatives from the County Attorney's office, Levi Bass, Assistant Director for Juvenile Services, and Bridge Alston, Assistant Director for Family Support Services. Samantha Brooks, Administrative Specialist on the DSS HR Team, sat in for Linda Meier.

Topics discussed at the dinner meeting included: Medication assisted treatment for youth with substance use disorders; electronic monitoring of youth court-ordered to Molinari Shelter; the *Statewide Safe & Sound Taskforce* initiatives; and changes to Foster Care.

Open Meeting

Clarice Torian, Chair of the DSS Advisory Board, opened the regular board meeting at 7:25 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting were approved [SC, JM; unanimous].

Public Comment

None.

Presentation

None.

Action Items

The next meeting of the DSS Advisory Board will be held at the Molinari Shelter [Approved by consensus].

Chairman's Time

The Chair requested an update on the CAC at a future meeting. Potomac Shores Md=idle School's Library will be named after Hilda Barg.

Director's Time

- Agency Reorganization
- DSS All Staff Meeting overview given to the Board
- Phyllis Jennings-Holt Recognized as the new DSS Deputy Director.
- FY24 Budget initiatives have been submitted and will be voted on in April 2023. A continued staffing plan for DSS mandated programs, an increase in Homeless Services prevention funding, and more staffing for APS staff to develop a Long-Term Care Team are included in the initiatives submitted.

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- Juvenile Justice Improvement Plan (JJIP) there is a need for juvenile residential treatment center in the County.
- Personnel data- DSS is only hiring bilingual speakers for our front desks- Some people are complaining.

Board Members' Time

- Kevin Rychlik asked that Homeless Services be on the agenda every month.
- Marcus Alert Implementation Working Group Update Laurie Wilson.
- Housing Board Laurie Wilson.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M. [SC, KR; unanimous]

APPROVED: _______ Linda Meisr Clerk to Board