



MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Development Services Bldg., Room 107 a/b

* ABSENT FROM MEETING

** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

Open Meeting

Chair Laurie Wilson opened the meeting at 6:31 PM.

Approval of Minutes-

The Minutes from the November 18, 2025 meeting were approved [CT, LHT; 6 approved, 1 abstention; JM].

Public Comment

None

Presentation

None

Action Items

Election of Officers

- A **MOTION** was made by Jacob Mosser, and seconded by Chrissy Fauls, that current Chair Laurie Wilson continue to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board. **MOTION** approved by unanimous consent. Laurie Wilson is elected to serve as the DSS Advisory Board Chair for the 2026 session.
- A **MOTION** was made by Clarice Torian, and seconded by Chrissy Fauls, that current Vice Chair, Idris O'Connor, continue to serve as the Advisory Board's Vice Chair. **MOTION** approved by unanimous consent. Idris O'Connor is elected to serve as the DSS Advisory Board's Vice Chair for the 2026 session.

Approval of DSS Advisory Board Charter

The Board reviewed the 2025 DSS Advisory Board Charter. There were no changes suggested. A **MOTION** was made by Clarice Torian and seconded by Jacob Mosser to approve the 2026 DSS Advisory Board Charter with no changes from 2025. **MOTION** approved by unanimous consent.

Calendar of Topics and Meeting Dates

A **MOTION** was made by Chrissy Fauls and seconded by Melissa Agnew Alexander to approve the 2026 Calendar of Meeting Dates and Topics. **MOTION** approved by unanimous consent.

Chairman's Time

Chair Wilson asked how often DSSAB members should be present at BOCS meetings for proclamations and/or if there is something regarding DSS on the agenda. The Director informed the board that the presence of a few DSSAB members would be appropriate. Clarice Torian asked that a list of monthly proclamations could be provided to them so that they could plan ahead for being present. The Director will get this information to them.

Director's Time

- Budget Update: DSS has asked for 1) Hypothermia services (250K) 2) HR Analyst position 3) money for Case Management System (have changed vendors, using money now from the previous vendor contract, will need additional monies) 4) additional vehicles for street outreach (purchased already from monies already in DSS budget). CXO Budget will be presented 2/24/2026.
- Annual Full Staff Meeting: Scheduled for 5/29/2026 9am -12:30pm at Camp Snyder. Theme is "Caring for Ourselves while Caring for Others". The Director invited DSSAB members to attend.
- Deputy Director announced that the Father Daughter Dance will be held on 4/25/2026.
- New Assistant Director for CSS- Lucia Dentone, who was the previous Acting Director. DSS will be advertising for her previous Program Manager position.
- Staff returning for TMO- Tony Turnage has returned; Rachel Laguna is not returning.
- Linda Meier, Clerk for the DSSAB, is retiring. Moment taken to thank her and wish her well. Her retirement Celebration is 1/23/2026 2:30-4:30pm at Sudley North in Jean McCoy conf room. Board members have been invited to attend. Her position has been posted and advertised.
- Theresa Wilson, Manager for CPS Prevention, is retiring 4/30/2026 after 34 years. Noted that this is a great loss of agency knowledge.
- Groundbreaking ceremony for the Navigation Center EAST is upcoming- date TBD. Navigation Center WEST- land has been purchased.
- Panhandling Committee- are working with VDOT to put up signs that will be moved around to different locations (will be temporary as felt that after they are up a long time they will no longer be effective). Signs will direct community members to 311 and 792-3939 for both giving and citizen concerns. Messages received will go straight to the outreach workers to respond within 48 hours. Member inquired about people selling things (flowers, mangos, coconuts) and the Director reported out that those people are not considered panhandlers, but peddlers and are required to have a peddler's license.
- Deputy Director reported that DSS has had 0 errors in the last 10 months for SNAP

Board Members' Time

- Laurie Wilson- inquired about Mr. Woolf, hoping that he is OK, but concerned that the Brentsville District is not being represented. Mr. Woolf was last present at the January 2025 meeting. The Director will reach out to the Brentsville District Supervisor to see how they wish to handle the situation.
- Clarice Torian- Supervisor Franklin was sworn in as a Delegate. New Supervisor will make changes to Board membership if needed. She also announced that the Potomac Health

Foundation grant is open for applications until March 2026 for EASTERN end only. The Foundation website has specifics listed.

- Jacob Mosser- was Santa for the Foster Families Holiday Event
- La Tonya Hamilton-Thompson – on February 28, Move Church on Touchstone will be hosting “The Coldest Night” 5K Walk to raise money for Streetlights
- Chrissy Fauls- will be conducting DSS human trafficking and First Aid/CPR training for foster parents
- Idris O’Connor asked if hypothermia information will be sent out in preparation for the snow storm this week. Director informed that she and Tony Turnage are preparing for the weather event

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting [JM; IO, unanimous]. Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.

APPROVED: _____

Julia K. Blakely

Clerk to Board