DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
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CHRISSY FAULS, GAINESVILLE
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*JACOB MOSSER, COLES**
IDRIS O'CONNOR, VICE CHAIR, NEABSCO
CLARICE TORIAN, WOODBRIDGE
*BILL WOOLF, BRENTSVILLE**

****ABSENT FROM MEETING***
***** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY***

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Development Services Bldg., Room 107 a/b

Open Meeting
Chair Laurie Wilson opened the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Approval of Minutes-
As there was not a quorum at the start of the meeting, members returned to the review of the Meeting Minutes at 7:42 PM. The minutes from the May 19, 2026, meeting were reviewed and approved [CT, IOC; 4 approved, 1 abstained – CF abstained due to absence from May meeting] The minutes from April 21, 2026, meeting were not approved due to lacking quorum of April attendees for second consecutive month; will return in July.

Public Comment
None

Presentation
Elise Madison presented an overview of the Crisis Receiving Center Complex (CRCC). The presentation included the following:

- Background Information on the CRCC
- Budget Projection and Development
- History of Connections Health Solutions, the CRCC Vendor
- Service Model of Connections for Both Adults and Youth
- Continuum of Service
- How to Use the CRCC
- Impact of the CRCC
- Policy and Legislative Recommendations

A suggestion was made to present this material to Department of Social Services (DSS) staff members for awareness, as well as tours of the facility to Board Members and Leadership.

Action Items
None

Chairman's Time
Chair Laurie Wilson lead a review of the DSS Advisory Board (DSS AB) draft attendance policy and amending the Charter. Points of discussion included:

- "Unexcused" should reflect failure to notify the Chair, not a judgement on reason for absence; language in "Chronic or Unexcused Absences," should be strengthened from "may be" to "shall be."

Recommendation was made for Clerk of the Board to contact county staff to determine who will inform members' appointing authority on chronic absences, and the draft attendance policy will be brought back for discussion on the July agenda.

Chair Laurie Wilson lead a discussion on changing the meeting date and time to accommodate members who wish to attend Board of County Supervisor (BOCS) meetings on the same day. **MOTION:** made to change the start time of the DSS AB meeting beginning in 2027 to 6:00 PM for the months of January through April with no presentations to allow members to attend BOCS budget meetings [LHT, CF; unanimous].

Director's Time

- A request was made for each Board Member to email a picture and biography to the Board Clerk by July 14, 2026, to include in the DSS Annual Report.
- An update was given on the HNC-W-PSH that will include 40 shelter beds and 10 long-term efficiencies. Leadership is still discussing details, such as buying or renting, design, and costs.
- The state of Virginia would like to implement a VDSS Centralized Intake phone service. With localities having concerns, the Director invited Board Members to participate in a meeting on August 8, 2026, to discuss concerns, policy, response and strategy.
- An update was given regarding the DSS Housing Board. The Chair will reach out to representative to offer support and discuss continued participation.

Board Members' Time

- Idris O'Connor attended the Hunger Free Event that raised over $10,000 and connected with potential supporters.
- Chrissy Fauls spoke about Gainesville District hosting pop-up, mobile markets sponsored by Capital Area Food Bank beginning in August at Haymarket Townhall. She also provided information to Board Members to encourage their Supervisors to host events in their districts as well.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting [IOC; CT, unanimous]. Chair Laurie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.

APPROVED: Tiffany L Woodard ______________________________

Clerk to Board