PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
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CLARICE TORIAN, WOODBRIDGE
*BILL WOOLF, BRENTSVILLE**

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

MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Development Services Building, Room 107 A/B

Open Meeting

Chair Laurie Wilson opened the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Approval of Minutes-

The minutes from the September 15th, 2026, meeting were approved [IOC, CT; 4 approved, 1 abstained – AB abstained due to absence from the September meeting].

Public Comment

A member of the public attended the meeting to share concerns they have and suggested solutions with the Board Members.

Presentation

None.

Action Items

- **MOTION** to approve Attendance amendment to the DSS AB Charter as written [IOC, LTH; unanimous]
- **MOTION** to approve Public Comment Time Limit amendment to the DSS AB Charter as written [CT, LTH; unanimous]

Chairman's Time

- New Board Member, Allison Blow, was welcomed and introductions were made among the group.
- Reminder to the Board Members that National Adoption Day will be November 21st, and member are encouraged to attend.
- Request was made for an update on SNAP and Medicaid changes, which was provided by DSS staff.

Director's Time

- **FY28 Budget -** The Board of County Supervisors approved DSS' FY27 net ongoing revenue and expenditure increases to align the County budget with state and federal allocations. As a result, DSS' FY28 budget requests will be for a few additional needs, namely a funding increase for Children's Service's Act Division, and 6.5 staff positions for the upcoming Homeless Navigation Center – East**.**
- **National Adoption Day –** also reminded Board Members of Nov. 21st event.
- **Independent Living Dinner –** November 12th from 6-9 PM at Old Hickory Golf Club.
- **Update SB 640** (centralized intake hotline) – A third party was contracted to do an evaluation

on Virginia's intake services. After pulling 1500 Child Protective Services referrals across the state, there were only concerns with 88 of them (5.87%). Of the largest localities in Virginia, Prince William County screens the most referrals at 43%. The third party will next submit their report and recommendations to the Virginia Department of Social Services.

Board Members' Time

- **Idris O'Connor –** reported that the Bill Mehr Drop-in Center/Shelter banquet was a great event.
- **Clarice Torian –** announced that the Potomac Health Foundation will not be calling for proposals for The Howard L. Greenhouse Large Grant Program this year.
- **La Tonya Hamilton-Thompson –** would like to request DSS staff attend a Christmas Mall church event in December to discuss upcoming changes to SNAP and Medicaid with attendees. Deputy Director Holly Handy will coordinate.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting [IOC, AB; unanimous]. Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM.

APPROVED: Tiffany L Woodard _____

Clerk to Board