



SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Department of Human Services
 Friday, February 1, 2019
 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Notes

SSAB Board Members		Human Services Staff Present	
Name	Present	Name	Present
Norma Brumage	Yes	Danette Smith	Yes
Andy Richmond	Yes	Elizabeth Batista-Boone	Yes
Susan Campbell	Yes	Deidra Bolden	No
Robin Foreman-Wheeler	Yes	Sharon Jones	Yes
Angela Kellam	No	Pete Withers	No
Jalana McCasland	No	Fay Ward	Yes
Martha McClees	Yes	Theresa Jordan	Yes
Donna Morris	Yes	Al Steward	No
Lucynthia Rawls	Yes	Jessica Mumma	Yes
		Aaron Knight	Yes
		Andrea Lowe	Yes

Call to Order:

- The Social Services Advisory Board was called to order by the Board Chair, Mr. Andrew Richmond, at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Board Minutes:

- January Minutes/Notes amended to reflect Donna Morris in attendance
- A motion was made to approve the January 4, 2019 minutes; a unanimous vote carried the motion forward for approval. Minutes docked

Public Comment:

- None

Old Business:

- The response to the Editorial “Crisis in Virginia’s Foster Care System” to be drafted and given to the board next week for signature and sent to the Virginian Pilot.

Matters of the Chair

- Discussion would take place after the meeting on what the Board would like to do for Director Smith's farewell given by the agency.
- Transition with Director Smith this afternoon with Board Chair.

Matters of the Director/Deputy Director/Staff

- Juvenile Detention Center Updates – *Aaron Knight for Pete Withers*
 - i. Article in “What’s Working” from the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) (packet handout) – Highlights the collaboration of Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) with Tidewater Community College (TCC) in providing training in Community Placement Program (CPP) in the skills needed to be successful in the hospitality industry. A graduation ceremony was held for 9 young men who completed the 10-week program
 - ii. A Business and Entrepreneurship curriculum began in January 22, 2019 – graduates will earn certificate and 9 college credits
 - iii. Barbering Program in collaboration with Anthony Harold began January 28th 2019 for 8 residents to earn a barber license
- SNAP Early Issuance and Medicaid Expansion Updates – *Jessica Mumma* - (Presentation included in the packet)
 - i. Early issuance of February benefits conducted between January 15th and the 31st
 - ii. Over 100 Eligibility Workers worked overtime to process approximately 1,130 SNAP actions
 - iii. Currently working with the Hampton Roads Foodbank for a contingency plan for these families until their March benefits are issued. A mobile pantry will be set-up.
 - iv. Medicaid expansion went into effect January 2019
 - v. Virginia Beach has processed 1,636 so far
 - vi. The Federal Market Place processed and reassigned 1,500 applications
 - vii. Currently Virginia Beach Human Services has 35 to 40 Ongoing workers – additional workers and supervisors hired (3 workers and 2 supervisors)
- Financial Reports
 - i. Fay Ward, Financial Administrator – See handout – through December 31, 2018
 - ii. Theresa Jordan, Accountant – CSA Report – Through December 31, 2018

New Business:

- Congratulations to Andrea Lowe, Strategic Analyst on her new job.

- Director Smith thanked and acknowledged the Board for all the achievements; she is excited about her new venture; and, will recommend that the Board be actively involved in the search for her replacement.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned by Chairman A. Richmond.