

The Accomack County Board of Social Services met at its facility on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. Present in person were Ms. Reneta Major, Chairman; Mrs. Elsie Mackie, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Robert Martin; Mr. David Whalen; and Vicki Weakley, Secretary.

Ms. Major called the meeting to order, welcomed the Board Members, and gave the Invocation.

Ms. Major continued to **Item 3 – Approve Minutes of December 19, 2023**. Mrs. Mackie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the Minutes as written. Hearing no discussion, Ms. Major called a vote for all in favor to signify by Aye. The motion carried.

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 4 - Fraud Report**. Mrs. Weakley stated that the Fraud Investigator position is still vacant. The strategy to have our previous Fraud Investigator, Frances Bailey, or the Northampton County Department of Social Services' Fraud Investigator to help with the tax intercepts fell through. Ms. Bailey became ill, and the Northampton County Fraud Investigator attempted to get into the system and the system rejected her attempts even with the proper codes. Ms. Wendy Linton is now in the process of taking the trainings to be approved for system access.

Ms. Major continued to **Item 5 – Purge Benefits, CSA Case Records, and Vehicle Records**. Mrs. Weakley stated that there are 13 benefit case records from 2001 to 2014, CSA Monthly LEDRS, Check Lists, Check Reassignments, Expenditure LEDRS, Purchase of Service Orders and Vendor Invoices dated September 30, 2017, through December 31, 2018, and Automotive files consisting of Operation Summary Sheets, Usage Logs, Record Sheets, and Gas Allocations dated January 2020 through December 2020, that are ready to be purged in accordance with State policy. Mr. Whalen made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Mackie, that the aforementioned items be purged. Hearing no discussion, Ms. Major called a vote for all in favor to signify by Aye. The motion carried.

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 6 – Director's Notes**. Mrs. Weakley stated that since the last meeting, she attended a CPMT (Community Planning and Management Team), Carpeting (the remainder of the carpet has been installed and public works is assisting to move all the furniture back into offices), and a Student Intern planning from Walden University. (The intern will start in late February. Mrs. Mackie inquired if the intern will be in CPS or APS. Mrs. Weakley stated that, typically, their tenure is split between the two so that the intern can experience both sides.)

Ms. Major continued to **Item 7 – Medicaid Unwinding Update**. Mrs. Weakley stated that the number of cases is not available this month because a report for December was not sent out from the State. Cover VA was doing some of the renewal packets, but they will stop doing them in March even though the unwinding continues through May. This agency has not been relying on them so it will not affect us.

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 8 – Annual Profile Report**. Mrs. Weakley stated that directors are not satisfied with the current Annual Profile Report because some information in the report has not been updated since 2021. On page 4, Unemployment Rates from 2022 are shown as Accomack having 3.3% of unemployment. The report only counts people who are actively seeking employment. On page 8, an APS count has been left off with no explanation. Family Services had an average of ten children in foster care last year; this year it was six. CPS had 251 children served last year; this year is 273 children. Mr. Martin inquired if this was during or out of COVID. Mrs. Weakley stated that these numbers are out of COVID.

Ms. Major continued to **Item 12 – Financial Statement**. Ms. Linton stated that the local budget was \$944,084.00. The Year-To-Date Local Expenditures were \$382,047.93, and the Total Local Balance-To-Date is \$562,036.07.

Closed Session - On motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Mackie, the Board went into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing items stated on the Agenda (Acceptance of custody case #21131426, acceptance of adoption cases #21208299, 21216480, and 21216479, Employee EPPE – Sylvia Stanley and Wendy Linton, and Director's Consult) as permitted by the Code of Virginia, Section 2.2.3712. Ms. Major called a vote for all in favor to signify by Aye. The motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Whalen, seconded by Mrs. Mackie, the Board returned from Closed Session and confirmed the only items discussed were the ones listed on the Board Members' Agenda. Ms. Major called a vote (Mrs. Mackie – yes; Mr. Martin – yes; Mr. Whalen – yes; Ms. Major – yes). The motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Mackie, seconded by Mr. Martin, the Board accepted custody case #21131426, and adoption cases #21208299, 21216480, and 21216479. Ms. Major called a vote for all in favor to signify by Aye. The motion carried.

Mr. Whalen made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Mackie that the Board accept the EPPE of Ms. Stanley and Ms. Linton. Ms. Major called a vote for all in favor to signify by Aye. The motion carried.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 9:30 A.M.

Mr. Whalen made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Mackie, to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 A.M.

APPROVED: **Cassandra Reneta Major** _____

ATTEST: **Vicki Weakley** _____