

The Accomack County Board of Social Services met at its facility on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at 9:30 A.M. Present were Mr. R. Dodd Obenshain, Chairman; Ms. Reneta Major, Vice-Chairman; Ms. Betty Wood; Ms. Kay Lewis; Mr. John Sparkman; and Mrs. Mary E. Parker, Secretary.

Mr. Obenshain called the meeting to order. Ms. Major gave the Invocation.

Mr. Obenshain proceeded to **Item 3 – Approve Minutes of February 19, 2013.** On motion by Ms. Major, seconded by Ms. Lewis, the Minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Obenshain continued to **Item 4 – Fraud Update.** Mrs. Parker stated we received a Tax Intercept check on Friday, March 15, 2013. Ms. Lewis remarked on the Tax Intercept amount for the month of February - \$31,232.95. Ms. Wood remarked on the total saving from the Cooling Program of \$47,850.00. Ms. Wood stated that was a tremendous savings. She further remarked Mr. Thomas does an excellent job.

Mr. Obenshain proceeded to **Item 5 – Director's Update. Community Relations.** On March 4, 2013 Mrs. Parker attended the Rural Health Strategic Planning meeting at Onley Community Health Center. The Rural Health Association does its strategic planning every five years to determine their focus and mission for the next five-year period. We discussed the Shore's resources and critical gaps in meeting projected health care needs.

On March 5, 2013 Mrs. Parker met with Ed Dittman from Pathstone Senior Community Service Employment Program through the Department of Labor for individuals over fifty-five years of age. They discussed how best to inform clients about the program and the also talked about the feasibility of providing a work experience internship at our agency. We may be able to create a position in the Front Desk area to assist with filing cases and scanning.

Regular Meetings: On March 7, 2013 Mrs. Parker attended a regular CPMT meeting.

On March 7, 2013 Mrs. Parker also attended a Truancy meeting with most of the kids being from Northampton County.

On March 14, 2013 Mrs. Parker attended the Community Partners of the Eastern Shore meeting followed by a Strategic Planning session to begin the process of establishing a Rapid Response Team. This will be an outgrowth of the Cross Systems Mapping which we did in February.

Regional/State Meetings: On March 11, 2013 Mrs. Parker attended the Eastern Region Directors' meeting. Vernon Simmons, VDSS Foster Care Services Supervisor, discussed the Virginia Enhanced Maintenance Assessment Tool (VMAT); i.e., rate setting for foster parents. The State started out with high rates and now they are cutting them back. As you can imagine, the foster parents are not happy. The crux of the issue is this should not be a business. It should be something you do because you want to do it. If you are just doing it for the money, are you vested in serving the child? Mrs. Parker stated the Directors

talked about it at length and some Directors agreed with the State while others sided with the foster parents

On March 18, 2013 Mrs. Parker had planned to attend the Eastern Region Medicaid meeting; however, she did not attend as the weather was bad that morning.

Mr. Obenshain stated while the Board was waiting for the workers pertaining to Item 6 arrived, he wanted to mention an email from Eastern Region Director Steve Blythe which was not on the Agenda and was given to them by Mrs. Parker. She stated she received it on Friday, March 15, 2013. This shows the new eligibility system the State purchased from DeLoitte that is through the VaCMS (Virginia Case Management System). It is detailing how the training will be set up and how the data entry will be done. The FAMIS CPU has cases that do not qualify for Medicaid because their income is higher. Those individuals apply through a State group that takes the applications, processes them and carries the caseload. Local agencies will be tasked with managing that caseload. Current projections show we will receive approximately 311 cases.

Mr. Obenshain continued to **Item 6 – Presentation of Resolutions to: Social Worker II Selina Coulbourne; Office Associate III P. Dawn Parks; and Social Worker III Gail Walker.** Mr. Obenshain welcomed the above-mentioned staff to the Board meeting. The Board wanted to show its appreciation to all of them for the hard work they have done through special projects for our agency. Resolutions had been prepared and framed for each recipient. Mr. Obenshain read the Resolution for Social Worker II Selina Coulbourne. Mrs. Coulbourne was quite appreciative of the Board's action and thanked them. Mr. Obenshain then presented Office Associate III P. Dawn Parks and Social Worker III Gail Walker with their Resolutions. Both workers also thanked the Board for its action.

Mr. Obenshain proceeded to **Item 7 – Sequestration Update.** Mrs. Parker stated it does not tell us much; however, they felt they needed to tell us something. It is hitting towards the end of our Fiscal Year which ends in May. The Department will try to do everything they can to blunt the impact of the sequestration; however, several areas like child care and Medicaid could be cut. Mrs. Parker stated when she knew more about it, she would share it.

Mr. Obenshain continued to **Item 8 – State Board of Social Services Resolution Recognizing the Month of March, 2013 as Social Work Month.** Mrs. Parker stated there was a Resolution from the State Board of Social Services. It is Social Worker month. Next year it will be called Family Services Specialist Month. Both social work units will decide together where they will have lunch.

Mr. Obenshain proceeded to **Item 9 – Update on FY 14 County Proposed Budget.** Mrs. Parker stated the proposed 3% salary adjustment is important to us as staff have not had a raise for eight years. Since 2008 the economic downturn has increased everyone's workload. Unfortunately they have not been rewarded for it so we hope it goes through. The County's 3% salary adjustment is effective on the same date as the State's, August 1, 2013.

Mr. Obenshain continued to **Item 10 – Financial Statement – Administrative Office Manager Shirley Harmon.** Mrs. Harmon stated for the month of February, the ninth month of our Fiscal Year, our Total Expenditures were \$285,626.00. Our Year-To-Date Total Local Adjustment is \$419,105.59 and our Total Local Balance to Date is \$310,792.41. Mr. Obenshain inquired about a couple of budget lines that were getting close to or a little over 75%. Mrs. Harmon stated we should meet our budget in all areas.

On motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Major, the Board went into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel (Retirement and Leave Without Pay), as permitted by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3712.

On motion by Ms. Major, seconded by Ms. Wood, the Board returned to Open Session. On motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Wood, the Board confirmed the matters discussed in Closed Session (Ms. Wood – yes; Ms. Major – yes; Ms. Lewis – yes; Mr. Sparkman – yes).

On motion by Ms. Major, seconded by Mr. Sparkman, the Board was polled (Ms. Wood – yes; Ms. Major – yes; Ms. Lewis – yes; Mr. Sparkman – yes) and approved the following:

- I. Personnel:
 - A. Retirement:
 1. Bonnie Munn – Office Associate III – Effective 03/01/13
 - B. Leave Without Pay:
 1. Theresa Franklin – Benefit Programs Specialist II – 29.50 Hrs. (2/21/13 – 8.5 hrs; 2/26/13 – 10 hrs; 2/27/13 – 10 hrs; 2/28/13 - 1 hr.)

On motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Sparkman, the Board was polled (Ms. Wood – yes; Ms. Major – yes; Mrs. Lewis – yes; Mr. Sparkman – yes) and approved the following:

- II. Consent to Adopt:
 - A. Foster Care Case #001048921007

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

On motion by Ms. Major, seconded by Mr. Sparkman, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

APPROVED: **R. Dodd Obenshain**_____

ATTEST: **Mary E. Parker**_____