

The Accomack County Board of Social Services met at its facility on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at 9:30 A.M. Present were Ms. Reneta Major, Chairman; Ms. Laura B. Gordy, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Nicolette Hickman; Mr. Robert Crockett; Mr. John Sparkman; Mrs. Mary E. Parker, Secretary; and Mrs. Vicki J. Weakley, Assistant Director.

Ms. Major called the meeting to order and Mrs. Hickman gave the Invocation.

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 3 – Approve Minutes of July 19, 2016**. On motion by Mr. Crockett with the recent addition of Mrs. Weakley being present at the July 19, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Hickman, the Minutes were approved. The motion carried.

Ms. Major continued to **Item 4 – Fraud Update**. Mrs. Parker stated this was the beginning of a new Fiscal Year and so far Fraud Investigator Jack Thomas had already saved funds for air conditioners as 13 applications were denied as a result of his investigations.

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 5 – Director’s Update. Community Relations**: Mrs. Parker stated on August 9, 2016 she attended screening of CHASING the DRAGON – The Life of an Opiate Addict at the Roseland Theatre in Onancock. It was attended by a good cross-section of people from our community. She further stated there would be another showing on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, at the Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa. Mrs. Parker stated if the Board Members got a chance to go, they should; however, it is not uplifting in any way, shape or form; it is reality. We have a copy of it at the Agency and she planned to share it with the individual units. This is a horrible problem.

On August 10, 2016 Mrs. Parker attended the Eastern Shore Opioid and Heroin Roundtable at Eastern Shore Rural Health. It was eye opening for us as well.

#### **Regular Meetings:**

On July 21, 2016 Mrs. Parker attended the Eastern Shore Disaster Preparedness Coalition meeting at the Fire Training Center.

On August 11, 2016 Mrs. Parker attended the Community Partners of the Eastern Shore meeting. There is a lot going on with that group which includes all of the different agencies, private individuals, groups like the AICC; i.e., people who want to work within the community for the betterment of the people who live in the community. It is kind of managed by the Eastern Shore Community Services Board – Kelly Bulin and her prevention staff.

A Suicide Walk will take place in November 2016. It is geared towards teams; however, it is for everyone and to recognize the families of individuals who have committed suicide. This has never been done on the Shore before. They are going to have a roundtable with different agencies participating. Mrs. Parker informed the Board Members if this had touched their families or wanted to become involved in any way, she would let them know more about it as information became available. ESCSB does a lot of outreach in the community through the prevention office. They also work with families and try to build parenting skills. The whole family goes to the meeting and childcare is provided while the parents attend the class. Dinner is provided to the family. They have a waiting list and cannot take anyone in this group until next spring.

On August 4, 2016 Mrs. Parker attended the regular CPMT meeting.

Ms. Major continued to **Item 6 – VaCMS Schedule Change**. Mrs. Parker said the State has been testing the SNAP program in the Piedmont area. She believes the Feds found some things they didn't like or they felt were not working correctly. They have moved forward a month to December 2016 as the date Food Stamps (SNAP) will go live in VaCMS.

Ms. Major stated two other programs will be going on VaCMS too – TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and VIEW (Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare).

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 7 – Changes to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Independent Team Certification and Case Coordination – Effective December 1, 2016**. Mrs. Parker stated this was a shocker to her. The Eastern Shore Community Services Board up until now was tasked with assessing a child's mental health needs prior to accessing services through the CSA (Comprehensive Services Act). Yet to be released Emergency Regulations on Medicaid-funded Residential Treatment Services will shift the "control" of the decisions for each youth from the local approach now embedded in the Children's Services Act to a state-level centralized managed care model through Magellan. Local contributions toward the costs of these services will remain intact. Some of the children we serve on the Eastern Shore cannot receive the services they need locally. They need hospitalization and some of them are very young. Mrs. Weakley stated the Board would be amazed at the number of sexual offenders in that young group and there is no place on the Shore to treat them.

Mr. Crockett inquired whether it was previously working when the ESCSB was evaluating the youth. Mrs. Parker stated she felt there were backups with availability for this to be done. It was not immediately; however, it was working. This leaves the ESCSB with a funding loss because the service was billed through Medicaid.

Ms. Major continued to **Item 8 – Locality Specific Self-Sufficiency Profile**. Mrs. Parker stated she had received this the previous week. For each different locality they determined in order for a family of two to be self-sufficient what their earnings would have to be monthly, yearly and hourly. For Accomack County residents they would have to earn \$25.23 per hour to meet the level of self-sufficiency; i.e., no benefits from ACDSS. They would be able to cover the cost of their housing, medical insurance, food, clothing and everything needed to survive. Mrs. Parker stated we are geographically remote and we have low paying jobs. A lot of people work two low paying jobs and still get benefits from us.

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 9 – Financial Statement – Administrative Office Manager Shirley Harmon**. Mrs. Harmon stated for the month of July our Total Expenditures were \$308,981.79. Our Year-To-Date Total Local Adjustment is \$83,956.46 and our Total Local Balance to Date is \$671,890.54. Mr. Crockett stated our percentages look good.

Mrs. Parker stated at the bottom of the page the third item listed under Fiscal Year Social Service Expenses is Central Services Cost Allocation. This Federal money is received by the County for processing funds, buildings and grounds for our agency each year. It relates to expenses incurred for Central Accounting; i.e., how many checks they write, Buildings and Grounds, etc. Last year the County received \$180,216. Mrs. Parker stated she has to go through it with a fine tooth comb because if she does something incorrectly, they will come back on Accomack County; i.e., if Mrs. Parker approved something that shouldn't have been approved. Mrs. Parker stated the County keeps this money and she

suggested that Accomack County could set aside a portion of this allocation to fund their portion of the CSA Coordinator position.

Ms. Major continued to **Item 10 – Resolution of Appreciation – R. Dodd Obenshain, Jr.** On motion by Mr. Crockett, seconded by Mrs. Hickman, the Resolution of Appreciation for R. Dodd Obenshain, Jr. was approved. The motion carried.

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 11 – Resolution of Appreciation – Kay W. Lewis.** On motion by Mr. Crockett, seconded by Mrs. Hickman, the Resolution of Appreciation for Kay W. Lewis was approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Parker stated she would order frames for the Resolutions. Ms. Major inquired how the Resolutions would be presented to Mr. Obenshain and Ms. Lewis. Mrs. Parker stated we are supposed to have a cookout for the September 20, 2016 Board meeting date. She further stated the State had chosen to take that date for training across the Bay; however, she would not be attending so she could attend the cookout. Ms. Major stated it would be nice if we could invite them to the cookout and make the presentations. Everyone was in agreement.

On motion by Mr. Crockett, seconded by Ms. Gordy, the Board went into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel (Leave Without Pay; Termination; Employment), as permitted by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3712.

On motion by Mr. Crockett, seconded by Ms. Gordy, the Board returned to Open Session. On motion by Mr. Crockett, seconded by Mrs. Hickman, the Board confirmed the matters discussed in Closed Session (Mrs. Hickman – yes; Ms. Gordy – yes; Mr. Crockett – yes; Mr. Sparkman – yes):

- I. Personnel:
  - A. Leave Without Pay:
    1. Andrea Hunter – Office Associate III – 8/03/16 – 4.25 Hrs.; 08/04/16, 08/05/16, 08/08/16, 08/09/16, 08/10/16, 08/11/16 and 08/12/16 – 8 Hrs. - each totaling 60.25 Hrs.
  - B. Termination:
    1. Terence Smith – Emergency Human Services Assistant II – Effective 08/14/16
    2. Kerrie Jensen – Emergency Office Associate II – Effective 08/14/16
  - C. Employment:
    1. Terence Smith – Benefit Programs Specialist II, Effective 08/01/16
    2. Kerrie Jensen – Emergency Office Associate II – Effective 08/15/16

Ms. Major stated the next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

On motion by Mr. Crockett, seconded by Mrs. Hickman, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

APPROVED: Reneta Major

ATTEST: Mary E. Parker

