

St. Mary's County
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2017

Attendance: The regular meeting of the Board of the St. Mary's County Department of Social Services was held September 26, 2017.

Board Members in attendance: Michael Blackwell, Wanda Brown, Richard Buckler, Lynn Fitrell, Rose Frederick, Ella Somerville, Annette Wood and Leisha Wood

Members not present: Cynthia Brown and Susan Fowler

Also present: Ella May Russell, Director

Quorum: A quorum was established.

Minutes: June 27, 2017 minutes were approved

Education Session:

There was no education session

Chair Report: Chair Rose Frederick spoke to the board about the upcoming MASSB Conference. Attending will be Rose Frederick, Leisha Wood and Lynn Fitrell. There will not be a presentation from DSS this year for the Paul Hastings award. Mrs. Russell stated to the board it can be 2 years before a program is submitted from SMC DSS as it takes a great deal of time for the planning and procedures to take place. Chair stated there have been several ideas for the silent auction. The board's dues have been paid up to date. Chair stated that a list of bills will begin to be emailed out after the conference has concluded.

Director's Report:

Secretary Lourdes Padilla will visit St. Mary's County DSS Friday, November 17th. A conference call will be held Thursday, November 2nd to discuss specifics. Board members are invited to attend.

Jennifer Voorhaar has been hired as the Child Protective Services Supervisor replacing Kristi Larson.

The HR assistant position previously filled by Marsha Bauserman has been filled by Lorraine Smith.

The agency will once again be involved with Fiesta Day which will be held Friday, October 20th at the United Methodist Church in Lexington Park. There will be several community partners there to discuss with the Hispanic community services that they may not be aware of. There will be food and activities for children as well.

There will be a site visit to the Medical Respite site at Three Oaks Center from Carroll County, DHMH, the Governor's Office, DHS representative and MedStar. Carroll County is interested in implementing the program and would like to discuss how it was implemented in SMC.

Recruitment is being done for current vacancies. There are 2 interns in the Lexington Park office one of which is interested in working for DSS. She is currently working on obtaining her Master's Degree.

The Adult Protective Services Inter-Disciplinary Team MOU has been approved by the Attorney General's Office as well as the County Commissioners. It is currently with the SMC Sheriff's Office for legal review.

Director Russell continues to attend the Opioid Senior Policy Group meetings held at the Health Dept. with other community leaders to discuss the current opioid epidemic.

Michael Blackwell reported there were 766 meals served during the summer months at the Lunch and Learn program.

The board moved into an executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 24th in the Lexington Park office.

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