

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

Ms. Major called the meeting to order in the absence of Mr. R. Dodd Obenshain, Chairman. Ms. Wood gave the Invocation.

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 3 – Approve Minutes of January 15, 2013.** On motion by Ms. Gordy, seconded by Mr. Sparkman, the Minutes of January 15, 2013 were approved as written.

Ms. Major continued to **Item 4 – Fraud Update.** Mrs. Parker stated Mr. Thomas had recently had a fraud case in Accomack County Circuit Court; however, Mrs. Parker did not know the outcome. A brief discussion followed on tax intercept.

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 5 – Director’s Update. Community Relations:** On February 14-15, 2013 Mrs. Parker attended the Cross System Mapping meetings. Mrs. Parker stated this was presented by a group from the Department of Behavioral Health. They had 38 people to sign up for the meetings. She stated Judge Croxton Gordon had previously stated he would attend one day; however, he attended both. Mrs. Parker stated it was an asset that Magistrate Jimmy Rowley was present as he was quite helpful in clarifying legal issues regarding commitments. Judge Gordon Vincent attended the meeting on Friday, February 15, 2013. Staff from Accomack and Northampton Social Services, Eastern Shore Community Services Board, Adult Probation and Parole and Juvenile Probation was present as well as representatives from local jails, local police, and Eastern State Hospital. The meeting went well and people spoke up and discussed various issues. There are five intercept points for individuals with behavioral health needs: 1) Law enforcement / Emergency services; 2) Initial detention / Initial court hearings; 3) Jails / Courts; 4) Reentry; 5) Community corrections / Community support. Child Welfare Supervisor Libby Beasley and Adult Services Supervisor Wayman Trent attended the meeting. Mrs. Parker stated she would share the final results with Board Members. They will continue to go forward with the project and put things in place.

Regular Meetings: On February 7, 2013 Mrs. Parker attended a Truancy meeting. Seven families were presented at the truancy meeting most of whom were from Northampton County. Mr. Sparkman inquired whether they hold parents accountable for the truancy. Mrs. Parker stated they do. The schools ultimate goal for the students is graduation. For those who are close to graduating there is an expedited process with online courses that can be taken. The schools can monitor the online courses. The truants can be sent to detention across the Bay as a juvenile offender if they fail to adhere to the judge’s order.

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 6 – Resolutions of Recognition and Appreciation: Selina L. Coulbourne, Patricia Dawn Parks and Gail Walker.** Mrs. Parker stated the Resolutions are in response to Board action in January to formally recognize the above-mentioned staff for their commitment to the Toy Closet, Angel Tree and Adopt-A-Family projects. The Resolutions will be presented at the Board’s March meeting.

On motion by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Sparkman, the Resolutions of Recognition and Appreciation were approved as submitted.

Ms. Major continued to **Item 7 – Honoring Benefit Program Specialists.** Mrs. Parker stated she had asked the Benefit Programs staff to get together and

figure out where they would like to have a luncheon prior to the end of this month.

On motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Sparkman, the Resolution for the Benefit Program Specialists was recognized and approved.

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 8 – Local Department of Social Services Profile Report – SFY 2012**. Mrs. Parker stated she had printed out last year's report and distributed it so that a comparison could be made. The format for 2013 is similar to last year's; however, the numbers have gone up. We thought last year it couldn't get worse but it has. We have more people who are receiving benefits from us than last year. We have at least one-third of the County receiving benefits.

Ms. Major proceeded to **Item 9 – Financial Statement – Administrative Office Manager Shirley Harmon**. Ms. Harmon stated for the month of January our Expenditures totaled \$271,207.26. Our Year-to-Date Total Local Adjustment is \$356,079.01 and our Total Local Balance to Date is \$356,079.01. Ms. Lewis inquired whether we had any problems. Ms. Harmon stated none at the present time.

A brief discussion followed relative to Members Helping Members, which usually begins the first Tuesday in April. Ms. Lewis stated at the end of 2012 Members Helping Members received \$5,000 from ANEC and a contribution was made to the fund at the beginning of 2013. Ms. Lewis further stated every month there are a few new ANEC members who add a donation to their electricity bill to assist the program. Mrs. Parker stated Members Helping Members will run until we exhaust the funds. Ms. Lewis further stated the funds collected for Members Helping Members is divided two-thirds to Accomack and one-third to Northampton.

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

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

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

- I. Personnel:
 - A. Resignation:
 1. Ashley Esquivel – Office Associate II – Eff. 01/31/13
 - B. Employment:
 1. Miriam Harrell – Emergency Office Associate II – Eff. 02/01/13
 - C. Leave Without Pay:
 1. Teresa Franklin – Benefit Programs Specialist II – 02/05/13 – 3.5 Hrs; 02/06/13 – 10 Hrs; 02/07/13 – 10 Hrs

Ms. Major stated the date for the next regular meeting would be Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at 9:30 A.M.

On motion by Ms. Gordy, seconded by Ms. Lewis, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

APPROVED: **R. Dodd Obenshain** _____

ATTEST: **Mary E. Parker** _____