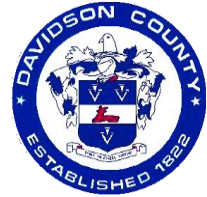


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**Davidson County Department of Social Services  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2021**

**Board Members Present via Video Conference and in Person  
Mrs. Karen Watford; Ms. Jane Murphy; Mr. Ed Dawson**

**Others Present**

**Mrs. Trish Baker; Mr. Scott Craver;  
Mr. Jason Hicks; Mrs. Susan Bryan; Miss. Sydnie Beck; Mrs. Debbie Harris**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Mrs. Karen Watford.

**Review of the Agenda – Additions/Modifications**

Mrs. Karen Watford would like to modify the Agenda to include a short closed session.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Mr. Ed Dawson made a motion to adopt the modified Agenda. Ms. Jane Murphy seconded the motion. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

**Adoption of Minutes**

The minutes from August 24, 2021 were reviewed. Ms. Jane Murphy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Ed Dawson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved. Mr. Ed Dawson made a motion to approve the closed session minutes from August 24, 2021. Mrs. Karen Watford seconded the motion. The closed session minutes were unanimously approved.

**Public Comments**

There was no public comment.

**Board Member Comments**

Mrs. Karen Watford stated she is looking forward to the meeting on Friday with Sandhills.

## **Management Report**

Mrs. Susan Bryan reported July spending was at 11%. The books for the month are still open. Everything is continuing to look good.

Mr. Scott Craver reported Adult Services has been steady. They had 50 reports for the month so far. The Wards have dropped by one with a total of 81.

Ms. Trish Baker reported there are currently 27 vacancies with six of those being filled.

Mr. Scott Craver spoke for Ms. McMasters regarding CPS. Mr. Craver stated things are steady but high with 240 reports. Mrs. Trish Baker added that there have been eight petitions filed so far this month.

Ms. Trish Baker spoke for Ms. Elizabeth Huff regarding Income Maintenance. Work First has slightly increased. The State is starting a new program. The program will be a low-income water program. There is not much more information, it will be more work for staff and more information will be provided once we have additional information to share.

Mr. Scott Craver reported Child Support has stayed steady from month to month. He is continuing to work on filling vacant positions.

## **Old Business**

Mrs. Trish Baker updated the Board on moving to the vacant building. The move is taking longer than planned as there is not sufficient technological capacity for all the needs of those moving into the building. IT will be adding additional security and technology. We hope to have everyone moved by early in the New Year.

Mrs. Trish Baker informed the Board that there have been no qualified applications for the Board member vacancy.

## **New Business:**

1. Ms. Trish Baker spoke of the September 17, 2021 meeting with Sandhills. This was the second transition meeting. Sandhills indicated that they were adding 40 new positions and asking the State if they can add five new members on their Board. They want to make sure each County has representation on the Board. Mrs. Baker stated October 1, 2021 is the next stakeholder meeting and will be held at the Community College.
2. Ms. Baker pointed out the Davidson County material from the recent Child Welfare audit. The PowerPoint was shared by the State and included items the Agency should focus on. Mr. Scott Craver went over the CQI Plan that the Agency created to address items found in the audit. This plan is a draft and will be modified as needed.
3. Ms. Baker informed the Board that the State has created supplemental funding for Foster children who were in care, but are now over 18. Depending on ages and qualifications, these children can receive a check for either \$2,500.00 or \$5,000.00. Ms. Baker let the Board know that this is on the Davidson County Board of Commissioners agenda for approval.

## **Closed Session**

No action was taken during closed session.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next DSS Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 4:00 pm at the Governmental Center on the fourth floor in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Ed Dawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jane Murphy. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm to go into closed session.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Baker