

March 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Social Services was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the office of the Board at 600 Market Street, Camden, New Jersey, with James H. Rhodes, Chair, presiding. The following members were present:

Dr. Leonard Krivy, PhD, Secretary/Treasurer (via teleconference) Gwen DeVera; Sharrae Morman

Also present were: Christine Hentisz, Director; Nicolasa Medina, Deputy Director; Martin F. McKernan Jr., Esquire; Edward Hill, Esquire; Charles Oppermann, Esquire; Gregory Smith, Senior Management Assistant; Paulette Konopka, Fiscal Officer; Donnette (Molly) Brown, Human Resource Manager; Joan Quinton, Confidential Aide to Freeholder Carmen G. Rodriguez; Christine Colbert, Principal Personnel Technician; Nicole Jefferson, Administrative Clerk

Public Attendance: Darnell Hardee, Jeffrey Pham, Simone Moore, Allegra Reed, Ms. Justine of VOA

At 12:00 p.m., a quorum being present, Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order, and announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Courier Post Newspaper and the Philadelphia Inquirer were notified of the Board Meeting; notice of the agenda was posted in a prominent location at 600 Market Street and the County Clerk was notified.

Mr. Rhodes requested approval of the following items:

- Minutes of the February Board Meeting.
- The listed expenditures from both Clearing and Administration Accounts.
- The payment of salaries and traveling expenses for March.
- Requisition from the County Treasurer for administration expenses for April.
- Movement of funds to be requisitioned from the State and County Treasurers less monies on hand for assistance payments for the month of April.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to approve.

Dr. Krivy moved to approve. Ms. DeVera seconded the motion, and there being no discussion on the motion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously adopted.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to open the meeting for public participation. Ms. DeVera moved to open the Public Participation portion of the Open Session, seconded by Ms. Morman and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Rhodes asked if there were any members of the public wishing to address the Board.

Ms. Moore inquired if the Agency is being moved to a different location. Ms. Hentisz answered that at this time, there is no plan on moving to a different location.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to close the Public Participation portion of the Open Session. Ms. DeVera moved to close the Public Portion of the Open Session. Ms. Morman seconded the motion and there being no discussion on the motion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Open Session of the meeting continued.

UPDATE STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES Christine Hentisz, Director

Ms. Hentisz stated that all Board members would find a synopsis of informational transmittals, procedural bulletins, general assistance procedural bulletins and Division of Family Development instructions in their packet. If there were any questions on any of the material, Ms. Hentisz stated that she or her staff would be happy to answer.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to approve the Director's Update on the State and Federal Policies.

Dr. Krivy moved to approve. Ms. Morman seconded the motion and there being no discussion on the motion, a vote was taken and the motion to approve the Update was unanimously adopted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT..... Christine Hentisz, Director

OPEN SESSION

Ms. Hentisz provided updates to the Board from the Division of Family Development (DFD) and Division of Medical and Health Services (DMAHS).

Ms. Hentisz informed the Board that Joan Riley, our Child Support Department Supervisor, was the winner of Supervisor of the Year Award. Ms. Riley accepted her award at the Child Support Conference held in Atlantic City, NJ.

Ms. Hentisz went on to report that the State's budget process is still in its early stages, however, there will be a continuation of the 10 percent TANF/GA allotment increase.

The Agency is currently in its second year of the PERM Review. A list of cases was received, and is currently being scanned into the DIMS (Document Imaging Management System) so that the State and Federal auditors can review. These lists of cases will be issued quarterly for 2019.

Ms. Hentisz stated that DFD and Department of Labor (DOL) created a workgroup to streamline the processes that occur within the 21 welfare agencies throughout the state and the One-Stop. The Case Management Department Administrator will provide updates to Ms. Hentisz.

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The County Welfare Director’s Association Executive Committee, will be meeting with the Director of Medicaid, Meghan Davey, to discuss how to improve the Medicaid processing of cases. Ms. Hentisz will provide an update to the Board next month.

The DIMS (Document Imaging Management System), is still struggling to perform state-wide. The issue has been escalated within IBM. Hopefully, issues will be resolved soon.

Ms. Hentisz reported that the Homelessness and Prisoner Re-entry initiatives are continuing to be beneficial as Ms. Hentisz meets monthly with the County.

Lastly, Ms. Hentisz informed the Board that the One-Stop is relocating to Cherry Hill, NJ. Ms. Hentisz, along with the Case Management Administrator, are continuing to meet with county officials to ensure the CCBSS staff that are located at the One-Stop, will receive a smooth transition.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to approve the Director’s Report.

Ms. DeVera moved to approve. Ms. Morman seconded the motion and there being no discussion on the motion, a vote was taken and the motion approving the Report was unanimously adopted.

FISCAL Report Paulette Konopka, Fiscal Officer

Ms. Konopka stated that each Board member had received copies of Fiscal Report in their packet for February 2019.

Ms. Konopka stated that if anyone had any questions she would be happy to address them.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to accept the Fiscal Report for February 2019 as presented in the packet.

Ms. DeVera moved to accept. Ms. Morman seconded the motion and there being no discussion on the motion, a vote was taken and the Report was unanimously accepted.

OPEN SESSION

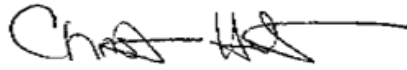
OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to close the Open Session of the meeting and move to the Closed Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Ms. DeVera moved to discuss such matters in closed session. Ms. Morman seconded the motion, and there being no discussion on the motion a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.



Clerk