

**POWHATAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**3/29/23**

Attendance:

Will Hagy, Deputy County Administrator  
Sean Campbell  
Lindia Cox  
Connie Thompson  
Lynn LaPierre

Management Team and Staff:

Meghan Carroll, Director  
Sharon Bartley, Administrative Services Manager  
Melissa Carpenter, Family Services Manager  
Cathy James, Benefit Programs Supervisor  
Audra Morris, Children's Services Manager  
Phoebe Wright, Benefit Programs Manager

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am

Invocation:

Connie Thompson provided the invocation.

Public Comment Period:

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Sean Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from March 2023 meeting seconded by Connie Thompson. All other members were in favor of the motion.

Unit Updates:

Unit updates were presented by DSS Managers.

Phoebe Wright discussed the Medicaid 'unwinding' process after COVID as well as VIEW program which is back to its pre-COVID processes.

Melissa Carpenter stated that her unit was fully staffed now. She also mentioned there was an increase in school based prevention referrals and that we have an FSS worker that works within the school to make contact with families and assists in providing programs and resources. A brief update was given on other programs within her unit.

Audra Morris provided statistics for the CS program which included a big increase in cases over the last couple of months that the State says is due to COVID. Therapeutic Day Treatment has been provided for most of these children. It is projected that the budget for 22-23 will not be enough to cover expenses over the next year.

Current Business:

Meghan Carroll, Director updated the Board members on current Domestic Violence program issues regarding funding for a position within the agency.

Connie Thompson provided an update on a successful fund raiser event for the Hope House.

Lynne LaPierre gave a presentation on the Community Matters program. Information included how the program got started and that it is mostly funded by donations. To continue the program will require future fund raisers and personal donations. She asked that the Board members spread the word about Community Matters in an effort to seek more donations and funding options.

Next Meeting:

The next PDSS Board meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2023 to be held in the PDSS conference room.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

<u>Kenneth Filleben</u>	<u>5/23/23</u>	<u>Meghan Carroll</u>	<u>5/23/23</u>
Chairperson	Date	Director	Date