



MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Development Services Bldg., Room 107 a/b

**ABSENT FROM MEETING*

*** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY*

Open Meeting

Chair Laurie Wilson opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. The Chair welcomed Melissa (Missy) Alexander to the DSS Advisory Board.

Approval of Minutes-

The Minutes from the September 16 meeting were approved [CF, LHT; 4 approved, 1 abstention; JM].

Public Comment

None

Action Items

None.

Chairman's Time

Chair Wilson asked for a volunteer from the Board to take her place on the Housing Board. Jacob Mosser volunteered to be the Board's new representative.

Director's Time

- **FY27 Budget** – A presentation to CXO Chris Shorter on DSS budget priorities will be given in November. DSS is not asking for any new positions. DSS is asking for assistance with CSA funding, and additional money for overtime payments for overworked staff. Chair Wilson asked the Director to let the Board know if they need to write a letter of support to the CXO.
- **Federal Funding Impact Presentations** – The State of Virginia will be pausing SNAP benefits to recipients beginning November 1 unless the Federal Government reopens. The Director hopes that a presentation, on the impact this will have on County residents, can be given to the BOCS very soon. 15,200 households receive SNAP benefits in PWC.
- **National Adoption Day** – November 22 at the Circuit Court. DSS has 9 adoptions this year!
- **Board Resolution – 10/28/2025** – A resolution will be presented to BOCS on October 28 requesting that one, currently vacant permanent part-time (PPT) Human Services Caseworker Associate position, be converted to a permanent full-time (PFT) Human Services Caseworker Associate position in the Family Support Services Division (FSS).

Chair Wilson asked for an update on the status of the Homeless Navigation Shelter East. The Director informed the board that the old building will be demolished in December and the projected date for the opening of the new shelter is the end of December 2027. In the meantime, Streetlight has made an agreement to use a Super 8 motel for a hyperthermia shelter on the east side of the County.

Board Members' Time

- La Tonya Hamilton-Thompson – on October 31, Move Church on Touchstone will have a Halloween event from 6-8PM.
- Jacob Moser- attended the CCOM banquet last Saturday and stated that he is 'proud' our community has a great community leader in Idris O'Connor.
- Chrissy Fauls- will be conducting DSS trafficking training with DSS Staff on Wednesdays in November.
- Missy Alexander – is excited to be a part of the Advisory Board and thanked the Department and the board for all they do.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting [JM; LHT, unanimous]. Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

APPROVED: *Linda Meier*
Clerk to Board