

POWHATAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Minutes
08/26/2025

Attendance:

Meghan Carroll, Director
Lindia Cox
Lynne LaPierre
Connie Thompson
Sean Campbell
Vernell Straughter

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

Invocation

Lindia Cox provided the invocation.

Public Comment Period

No public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for June 2025 and July 2025 were approved with Connie Thompson making the motion and Lynne LaPierre providing the second.

Announcements/Additions to Agenda

- Sean Campbell updated the board on concerns regarding Federal funding. He stated that Disability Law Center's Federal funds have been frozen, despite them being awarded and approved.
- Connie Thompson share that she has been distributing information about Community Matters within her other groups.
- Meghan Carroll provided information from the Central Region Directors meeting that DSS Board members were at risk for loss of their transcripts. She asked each member to log in and see if they could still access their transcripts.

Agenda Items

Unit updates/Government information – Meghan Carroll shared information from Director's meeting and discussed the potential impacts on DSS staff, particularly Benefits. SNAP and Medicaid practice information was shared, demonstrating the possible need for additional staff.

Results of Doodle Poll/Managers Meetings

It was determined that the most accessible time for the Board and DSS Management teams to meet would be September 11, 2025 at 11:30. The Board will split into two person groups to meet with the Managers.

Community Updates/Opioid Abatement

Meghan Carroll shared recent information about the services available to family and friends of those currently in active addiction. A Family Support brochure, issued by Jordan Schellin was distributed to the Board members. Further discussion took place regarding the Naloxone boxes located throughout the County. Meghan informed the Board where they were located. The Board was able to access the box inside DSS and the one outside of the Health Department. Each member took a pack of Naloxone in case of an emergency.

Community Connection Cards

Community Connection cards with outside resource information were distributed to the Board so that they could be shared with others in the community.

Next meeting

10/28/2025

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am

M. S. [Signature] 10/28/25
Chairperson Date

Meghan [Signature] 10/28/25
Director Date