

POWHATAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Minutes

10/28/25

Attendance:

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

Call to order

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

Invocation

Moment of silence

Public Comment Period

No public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for 8/26/25 meeting was approved with Vernell Straughter making the motion and Lynne LaPierre providing the second.

Announcements/Additions to Agenda

- Lynne LaPierre mentioned ALICE presentation at the library 08/28/25.

Agenda Items

Recap of the Board's visit to DSS.

- Staffing in benefits, especially Cathy James's unit, may need additional support by way of increased staff
- Sharon Bartley mentioned a part-time split position between benefits and admin
- Discussed the progression through the different position classifications
- There were questions about inter-county relationships
- CSA - resource "desert"- what can DSS do to entice agencies/providers to work in Powhatan?
- Check with Spiritos and ARC about services outside of education
- Transportation continues to be an issue

Discussion of Presentation to BOS layout

- DSS Board will review the DSS Board handbook. Meghan Carroll will print and/or provide the link to the handbook so that the Board can review their responsibilities to the Board of Supervisors

Updates regarding SNAP and opportunities to help

- Governor Youngkin has unofficially released a plan to assist clients (made official after this meeting via public press conference). SNAP clients in VA will receive November benefits in a staggered manner through General Relief funds issued onto their EBT cards
- Opportunities for fundraising/food drives were discussed
- A meeting will be held with as many local agencies as possible with a vested interest in assisting the community (DSS, Coalition of Churches, Free Clinic, Food Pantry, CAA, etc) for a more formal plan
- DSS will create a publication/broadcast of all available resources available to the community
- Information can be shared through school distribution as well.
- Amazon cart directly benefiting the food bank?

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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am

M. S. G. H. 12/23/25
Chairperson Date

Meghan Carroll 12/23/25
Director Date