



## MEETING MINUTES

# April 19, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Development Services Building, Room 107 A/B

\* ABSENT FROM MEETING

\*\* ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

### Open Meeting

Clarice Torian, Chair of the DSS Advisory Board, opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the March 15, 2022, meeting were approved [LW, KR; unanimous].

### Public Comment

None.

### Chairman's Time

Chair Torian expressed how much she enjoyed the DSS event, on April 18, celebrating the grand opening of the PWC DSS Child Advocacy Center (CAC). Approximately 80 people attended the celebration, including state and federal dignitaries, police and local directors and executives from other human services' agencies from around the region.

### Director's Time

- VDSS Dashboard - The Q2 VDSS Dashboard was reviewed with the Board.
- Budget Update – DSS has several budget items that remain included in the proposed FY23 County Budget. The Director is encouraged that these items will remain when the budget is adopted by BOCS on April 26.
- When a residential placement for a youth in foster care cannot be found right away, it has been a statewide practice of housing kids in local DSS offices, hotels, and emergency rooms overnight, which the Governor considers a problem. The Director was invited to serve on the Governor's *Safe & Sound Task Force* to address this problem and she recently took a trip to Richmond to participate.

### Action Items

Kevin Rychlik made a **MOTION** to add an *Action Item* to tonight's agenda [unanimous consent].

**MOTION** to commend Prince William County DSS on the excellent job they are doing based on the information from the VDSS Dashboard. [KR, IO; unanimous].

### Board Members' Time

- CAC Report – Clarice Torian. The CAC is now officially open and this monthly report will now be removed from the agenda.
- Marcus Alert Implementation Working Group Update – Laurie Wilson. Waiting continues for the call center hub to get up and running.

- Housing Board – Laurie Wilson. 53 emergency vouchers were issued through the Housing Department for use by at-risk citizens.
- Kevin Rychlik told the Board that his organization, 'Serving our Neighbors' was able to serve 289 people in need on the west end of the County recently.

**Adjournment**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:41PM. [LW, AW; unanimous].

**APPROVED:** *Linda Meier*  
**Clerk to Board**