



MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2023

6:30 P.M.

Sudley North Government Center – Jean McCoy Room

* ABSENT FROM MEETING

** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

Open Meeting

Clarice Torian, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:36 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting were approved [JM, SC; unanimous].

Public Comment

None.

Chairman's Time

Chair Torian thanked the board for their support of her over the last two years as Chair. She has decided to not run for Chair again this term.

Action Items

Election of Officers

- A **MOTION** was made by Andréa Wilson and seconded by Joe Meyer, to nominate Laurie Wilson to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board. **MOTION** approved by unanimous consent. Laurie Wilson elected to serve as the DSS Advisory Board Chair for the 2023 session.
- A **MOTION** was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Andréa Wilson to nominate Idris O'Connor to serve as the Advisory Board's Vice Chair. **MOTION** approved by unanimous consent. Idris O'Connor elected to serve as the DSS Advisory Board's Vice Chair for the 2023 session.

Approval of DSS Advisory Board Charter

The Board decided to make two changes to their current Charter.

- Under *Meeting Structure/Frequency*, they asked to add to the sentence: Meetings will begin at 6:30 PM (*and end at 8:00 PM*).
- Under *Officers*, instead of; A Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected by Advisory Board Members (*once per year in January*), change to; (*at the first meeting of the calendar year*).

The DSS Advisory Board Charter is approved as amended [unanimous consent].

Calendar of Topics and Meeting Dates

Dates for meetings and topics for the upcoming year were discussed and tentatively agreed upon. A Calendar will be drafted and submitted for approval at the next board meeting.

- Kevin Rychlik requested that he be named as the DSS Advisory Board representative to the CoC. [Approved by unanimous consent].

Director's Time

Division Updates

- CIP Project Updates – CIP Project for Homeless Navigation Center in eastern PW is underway. Juvenile Services Center project is also underway with design firm contract due to be reviewed by BOCS in February.
- Medicaid unwinding – regular operations (post Covid) will begin April 1 with Medicaid renewal process continuing for 12 months. It is expected that many people currently enrolled will no longer be Medicaid eligible.
- Comprehensive Plan – includes 'Affordable Housing' for the first time.

Board Members' Time

- Kevin Rychlik spoke about the importance of members speaking with their supervisors about the need for a homeless navigation center in the western part of the county and would like for the board to push for a directive from BOCS. Kevin also asked the DSS AB to give him permission to say that he has their support when he goes to speak on this issue at the next BOCS meeting. As the new DSS Advisory Chair, Laurie Wilson said she would like to get more data on the homeless situation, as well on other DSS programs before committing the Advisory Board's support to this issue. The Advisory Board has asked the Director to send them pertinent data regarding homelessness in the County. Additionally, the board has requested relevant data pertaining to homeless services, juvenile services, protective services, and public assistance (benefits) be included on the monthly agenda.
- Housing Board – Laurie Wilson. Laurie gave an update on the latest meeting of the Housing Board.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

As her final act as Chair, Clarice Torian adjourned the meeting at 8:26 P.M. [SC, IO; unanimous]

The next meeting of the Advisory Board will take place on February 21, 2023 in the Cedar Run Conference Room in the McCoart Building.

APPROVED: Linda Meier
Clerk to Board