



MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center, Woodbridge, VA

** ABSENT FROM MEETING*

*** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY*

In addition to providing dinner to the Advisory Board members, DSS also provided dinner to the shelter residents and to the Hilda Barg night shift staff.

Open Meeting

Clarice Torian, Chair of the DSS Advisory Board, opened the regular board meeting at 6:36 PM after dinner.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the October 18, 2022, meeting were approved [KR, SC; unanimous].

Public Comment

None.

Presentation

Assistant Director for Homeless Services, Tony Turnage, gave the board a presentation on the FY2022 Annual CoC Report Card. The annual report summary and detailed slides were provided as handouts. Tony made his presentation via teleconference.

A robust discussion regarding the lack of permanent supportive housing ensued.

It was also noted that DSS currently receives more calls for rental assistance than for reports of abuse and neglect. The moratorium on evictions, that was put in place during COVID, is ending and is a cause for concern. There has been a spike in evictions due to overdue rent. DSS is currently paying approximately \$100k per month to house displaced residents and this is unsustainable.

Action Items

The Advisory Board asked that letters be sent congratulating staff on their 10-20-30 years of service to the County. [Unanimous consent].

Chairman's Time

Director's Time (Deputy Director Phyllis Jennings-Holt)

- Division updates:
 - The Director recently attended the CSA Conference in Roanoke
 - National Adoption Day is Saturday, November 19 -DSS has 12 adoptions this year!
 - The Juvenile Justice Improvement Plan will be on the December 6th BOCS Agenda

Board Members' Time

- Housing Board – Laurie Wilson.
- Marcus Alert - not on the agenda but mentioned the brochure about the hotline that she sent to Courtney.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Advisory Board will take place next year on January 17, 2023. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M. [IO, JDM; unanimous]

APPROVED: *Linda Meier*
Clerk to Board