

Advisory Social Services Board (ASSB)
Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 7:00pm-8:30pm
Zoom Virtual Platform due to COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

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| Braddock District | Karen Darley |
| City of Falls Church | Mary Wilcox |
| Dranesville District | Ben Zuhl |
| Hunter Mill District | Joe Koszarek |
| Lee District | Hasan Shah, Secretary |
| Mount Vernon District | Raymond McGrath |
| Providence District | Laura Martinez |
| Springfield District | Amrita Banerjee |
| Sully District | Alice Foltz, Vice Chair |

Members Absent:

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| City of Fairfax | Andre Lee |
| At-Large - Chairman's Office | David T.S. Jonas, Chair |

Staff Present:

- Michael Becketts, DFS Director
- Melanie Fenwick, DFS Senior Policy Manager
- Kristina Jordan, DFS Documentarian

This meeting was held via Zoom Virtual Platform due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The public was able to access this meeting by dialing 888-270-9936 and then entering the conference code 371526.

Meeting Opening:

- Alice Foltz, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
- Alice Foltz read the electronic meeting script as authorized by FOIA and performed roll call establishing that each member can hear each other.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from December 21, 2022 were approved by ASSB co-Chair and Board with the correction that Amrita Banerjee is listed as not present. The Mason District seat is still vacant.

7:12pm: Update on the production of the 2022 Annual Report from Melanie Fenwick, Sr. Manager, DFS Strategic Initiatives. This year it will be digital, will review in February. Alice thanked Melanie and the DFS Communications Team for their work on the report.

7:18pm: Director Becketts was attending the meeting of the Virginia League of Social Services Executives and provided the most current information about the Medicaid and SNAP unwinding due to the end of the public health emergency. Medicaid and SNAP coverage will be lost or reduced due to the public health emergency coming to an end. This will

affect the more than 30,000 households receiving SNAP and/or Medicaid benefits. DFS team is working on communication plan to saturate the community with the pending changes.

DFS leadership is continuing to implement various staff recruitment and retention strategies.

8pm Vice Chair, Alice Foltz facilitated the election of the ASSB Chair for 2023. Laura Martinez was elected to serve as the Chair for 2023.

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8:11 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Next ASSB meeting:

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, from 7:00pm-8:30p