

King and Queen Department of Social Services
King and Queen CH, VA 23085
Advisory Board Minutes
March 22, 2022

Present

Angie Alley, Vice Chair
Betty Dougherty, Director
Maddie Kieffer, Administrative Programs Assistant II
Brittany Lawson, Program Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Angie Alley.

Public Comment Period

There was no one present for public comment.

Consent Agenda

The January 25, 2022 meeting minutes, statistical reports, and the Directors report were included in the consent agenda. There were not enough Board members to approve the Minutes; Agenda was tabled for the March meeting.

Director's Report

Yoots and Coots

We are planning for Yoots and Coots to make a comeback in 2022. As a reminder, this event is for children with special needs and older adults to have a day of fishing, learning, and fun together. We reserved Tuckers Beach on Saturday August 6 with a rain date of Saturday August 13. We are seeking volunteers, especially boat drivers, to help with the event. If you know of a child or adult that would be a good candidate to participate in the event, please send all referrals to Brittany Lawson, Program Coordinator at Social Services (brittany.lawson@dss.virginia.gov 804-785-5977).

Benefit Programs Specialist Month

The Virginia Department of Social Services designates February of every year to recognize and thank our Benefit Programs Specialists for the work they do every day throughout the year for our citizens in Virginia. In King and Queen County, our Benefit Programs Specialists is a team of

five professionals at King and Queen Social Services that served 2200 citizens in FY 21 administering the following programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Medical Assistance (Medicaid)
- Energy Assistance (Heating, Cooling, and Crisis)
- Childcare Subsidy
- Fraud
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Social Work Month (Family Services Specialists)

March is a time to celebrate the great profession of Social Work. We want to recognize and thank Social Workers for the work they do every day throughout the year for our citizens in Virginia. In King and Queen County, our Services Team is a team of five professionals that work in the following four programs to protect vulnerable children and adults and help families' every day:

- Child Protective Services
- Prevention
- Foster Care
- Adoption
- Adult Services
- Adult Protective Services

EnergyShare Program Update

The EnergyShare presentation was postponed until the March meeting when there would be more attendance.

FY 23 Budget Presentation Follow-up

There have been multiple requests for positions within the county, giving Social Services "competition" when requesting funding for a new position. With the supportive help of the county administrator, there is still a request to open an Assistant Director position at King and Queen Department of Social Services.

Planning Future Meetings

In May, there will be a presentation on EnergyShare by Brittany Lawson. In July, there will be a Supervisor Team Report. There is also a Retirement Celebration for Doris Morris at the May meeting.

Adjournment

Angie Alley adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.