

**Board Member Updates from Districts  
King and Queen Department of Social Services  
King and Queen CH, VA 23085  
Advisory Board Minutes  
July 26, 2022**

**Present**

Doris Morris, Chair  
Angie Alley, Vice Chair  
Bette Albert, Member  
Alda Norris, Member  
Betty A. Dougherty, Director  
Linda Cooke, Administrative Services Manager  
Gina Kane, Family Services Supervisor  
Kittie Scott, Benefit Programs Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Doris Morris.

**Public Comment Period**

There was no one present for public comment.

**Consent Agenda**

The January 25, 2022, March 22, 2022 and May 24, 2022 meeting minutes, statistical reports, and the Directors report were included in the consent agenda. All were approved by consensus of the Members.

**Director's Report**

**Free Addiction Treatment**

Bay Rivers Telehealth Alliance (BRTA) was awarded federal grant funds to create an outpatient and telehealth delivery system that provides FREE Addiction Treatment for individuals that are underinsured or uninsured and need treatment services for mental health and substance use disorder and/or opioid use disorder. Master Center for Addiction Medicine is available to serve patients in King and Queen County and surrounding counties. They offer both face to face to services and virtual programs. The closest offices for our citizens are in Gloucester and Glen Allen. They offer appointments and same day services. The following are ways to contact the center for additional information and to make an appointment. Online Portal: <https://mastercenter.com/>, Email: [info@mastercenter.com](mailto:info@mastercenter.com), and Phone: 804-207-8137

**Legislative Changes in Adult Protective Services for July 1, 2022**

Several bills that passed the 2022 Session of the Virginia General Assembly and address APS investigations and other protections for victims of adult maltreatment became effective on July 1. These changes are important for you to be aware of since approximately 24% of our population in King and Queen County is age 65 and older.

The following are brief descriptions of the legislative changes:

House Bill (HB) 751 added practitioners of behavior analysis to the list of mandated reporters in § 63.2-1606.

HB 95 added a new section to the Code of Virginia, § 6.2-103.1, which strengthens guidance to financial institutions regarding cooperation with APS investigations and sharing of information with local departments.

HB 496 and SB 687 changed the term “incapacitated adult” to “vulnerable adult” in § 18.2-369 of the Code of Virginia. This section of the Code addresses the criminal offense of abuse and neglect of an adult.

This legislation also amended § 18.2-178.1 of the Code of Virginia regarding the criminal offense of financial exploitation of an adult. References to a person with a “mental incapacity” were stricken from this Code section and replaced with “vulnerable adult.” Neither of these legislative changes impacted the APS definition of incapacitated person found in § 63.2-1603 of the Code of Virginia.

HB497 and SB 124 established a new section of the Code of Virginia, § 18.2-178.2, which identifies a criminal penalty for powers of attorney for knowingly and intentionally financially exploiting an adult.

SB 40 will enable residents of an assisted living facility to appeal an involuntary discharge from the facility in certain circumstances.

### **State Offices Re-opening**

The Virginia Department of Social Services training centers and offices re-opened on July 1. Our employees that have had to rely solely on virtual training for well over two years will return to the regional training centers for their face to face mandated training. This means that you may see us out on the road more in agency vehicles commuting to and from the Richmond area.

### **Cooling Assistance**

We are continuing to accept applications for Cooling Assistance until August 15. Cooling assistance helps with cooling equipment repairs or purchases and with payment of the electric bill to operate cooling equipment. You must have or be in need of cooling equipment and there must be an elderly person, a person living with a disability, or a child under 6 living in the home to be eligible.

### **Supervisor Program Presentations**

- Linda W. Cooke, Administrative Services Manager
- Gina Kane, Family Services Supervisor
- Kittie Scott, Benefit Programs Supervisor

### **Social Services Board Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Angie Alley was nominated as the Chair and Bette Albert as Vice Chair. Bette Albert made a motion to appoint Angie Alley as Chair and Doris Morris seconded the motion. All ayes. No Nays. Angie Alley nominated Bette Albert as Vice Chair, Doris Morris seconded the motion. All ayes, No Nays.

### **2022 Meeting Topics**

September 20th, 2022- Safe and Stable Families “PSSF”

November 15th, 2022- Kinship Care

### **Social Services Board Service Appreciation Celebration for Doris Morris**

Thank you Ms. Morris for your service as an Advisory Board Member.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:15.**