

**King and Queen Department of Social Services  
King and Queen CH, VA 23085  
Advisory Board Minutes  
September 20, 2022**

**Present**

Angie Alley, Chair  
Bette Albert, Vice Chair  
Alda Norris, Member  
Sandra Burrell, Member  
Betty A. Dougherty, Director  
Brittany Lawson, Program/CSA Coordinator  
Lisa Lose, Administrative Programs Assistant II

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on September 20, 2022, by Angie Alley, Chair.

**Public Comment Period**

No public comment to be noted.

**Consent Agenda**

The July 26, 2022, meeting minutes, statistical reports, and the Directors report were included in the consent agenda. There was a discussion regarding the month of August having such a high number for walk-ins. Brittany Lawson, Program Coordinator, informed the Board that the people in the county are still feeling the effects of COVID with their electric bill, so this has attributed to the high August numbers. Alda Norris felt that little information of programs are known to the public and volunteered to speak with Country Courier to research if they would be willing to waive their fee to advertise DSS flyers. She hopes to have an update for the November 15, 2022, meeting. Brittany Lawson plans to contact both Dominion Energy and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative to organize a presentation, if possible. Angie Alley made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Bette Albert seconded the motion. The consent agenda was approved.

**Director's Report**

**Yoots and Coots 2022**

We are so pleased to report that our Yoots and Coots fishing event is back on track after the pandemic caused us to cancel for the years of 2020 and 2021. Even though our participant numbers declined a little, it was a success again this year thanks to Brittany Lawson, our Program Coordinator and all of the volunteer efforts and donations that made it possible. We had 22 participants and 23 volunteers. Children received a fishing pole, tackle box, bait, and a volunteer to teach them how to fish. Some fished from a boat and some fished from a pier. This

year we had a speaker from the Department of Wildlife Resources. Mike Rodriguez with “Another Round or Two” in King William County, provided lunch this year. Every child left with a backpack and school supplies to begin the school year.

### **Safe and Stable Family Program Presentation**

Brittany Lawson, Program Coordinator gave the presentation Promoting Safe and Stable Families Grant (PSSF)

### **Planning 2022 and 2023 Meeting Topics**

November 15, 2022 – Kinship Care – Gina Kane, Family Services Supervisor

A change to the meeting time was proposed by Sandra Burrell. She suggested that 2023 meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. Board Members will check their schedules and approve the 2023 meeting schedule at their November meeting.

Board Members recommended the following meeting topics for 2023:

1. Fraud Presentation
2. Department Presentations- Meet the Employees
3. County Administrator, Vivian Seay
4. SNAP Presentation
5. Mandated Reporter Training
6. Supervisor Annual Program Reports
7. Medicaid – Families and Children

### **Board Members Updates from Districts**

Alda Norris reported that her residential area has gotten together to comprise a “phone tree.” A goal that Alda Norris presented to the Board was to reach out to the churches and to look into giving presentations. Alda Norris also announced the news of a new farm, Cedar Farm on Newtown Rd.

Bette Albert informed the Board that Poroporone Baptist Church is running a pantry.

Angie Alley reported that Broadband is coming to her area (Plainview) and she has heard great things.

**Meeting adjourned by Betty Dougherty at 10:30 a.m.**