



MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2023

6:30 P.M.

Powell's Creek Conference Room, McCoart

*ABSENT FROM MEETING

** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

Open Meeting

Laurie Wilson, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting were approved [IO, JDM; unanimous].

Public Comment

None.

Presentation

Medicaid Unwinding, presented by Meron Gebremedhin, Asst. Director, Public Assistance

Chairman's Time

Chair Wilson discussed both the Calendar of Topics and the new addition of the Advocacy Statement Process to be added to the DSS AB Charter.

Additionally, the Chair submitted a draft Advocacy Statement for consideration from the DSS Advisory Board to the Board of County Supervisors asking for their support in the upcoming budget, for reinstatement of the five-year staffing plan, and for increased money for homeless services.

Action Items

- Calendar of Topics. Updated and approved by unanimous consent.
- Amend Advisory Board Charter. Update DSS Advisory Board Charter with an Advocacy Statement Process. [JDM, KR; unanimous] Approved.
- Support sending an Advocacy Statement from the DSS Advisory Board to the BOCS after amending as discussed [KR/IO; unanimous]

Director's Time

- 2nd Quarter Division Updates
- Budget – There is a pressing need for additional DSS staff as well as for an increase in funding for Homeless Services
- Homeless Navigation Center, West – still actively looking for property
- Social Work Appreciation Month – was on BOCS Agenda on March 7. Laurie Wilson accepted proclamation on the Department's behalf
- Child Abuse Prevention Month – proclamation will be on April 4th BOCS Agenda
- Pinwheel Garden Planting – April 4, 1:00 PM, McCoart Ellipse

Board Members' Time

- Continuum of Care for Homeless Services, Kevin Rychlik. - There will be an in-person meeting of the CoC in April. Brainstorming has been occurring on how to get more people on the Rapid Re-housing list. Still looking for final P.I.T. numbers.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM [AW, SC; unanimous].

The next meeting of the Advisory Board will take place on May 16, 2023 in the Administrative Conference Room inside the CAC offices at the Ferlazzo Building.

APPROVED: Linda Meier
Clerk to Board