

St. Mary's County
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2017

Attendance: The regular meeting of the Board of the St. Mary's County Department of Social Services was held March 28, 2017.

Board Members in attendance: Richard Buckler, Lynn Fitrell, Rose Fenwick, Ella Somerville, Annette Wood and Leisha Wood.

Also present: Ella May Russell and Kevin Corrigan (SMC DSS Asst. Director of Program, Performance & Operations).

Prior to arrival of Richard Buckler and Lynn Fitrell, the Director gave her report (see below). With the arrival of Ms. Fitrell, the meeting started.

Quorum: A quorum was established.

Minutes: February 28, 2017 minutes were approved

Education Session:

The education session was presented by Kevin Corrigan, Assistant Director of Program, Performance & Operations who also has oversight of the Child Support programs for the Agency.

Mr. Corrigan reported on the agency receiving the award for being the only local DSS to meet all four measures for FY 2016. Those measures included establishing paternity, establishing support orders, current collections and collection of arrearages. There are 4,970 cases in the county and the FY 2016 collections total \$12,854,076. The agency also received the "Green Lawn" award. Mr. Corrigan talked about various changes that have taken place with the most useful being the "dashboard" where there are structured reminders and alerts noted daily to Child Support Specialists. A brief question and answer session continued after Mr. Corrigan's comprehensive presentation of Child Support was concluded.

Chair Report: No Chair report

Director's Report: (Report was presented first in the meeting as a quorum had not been established until the arrival of Ms. Fitrell).

Director Russell reported on the progress of the Garrett Trailer Park noting that the appropriate paperwork has been sent to the state that could make the park eligible for grant funding for the septic system. The septic system has been repaired for the convenience store and the post office.

The Child Support Team received an award and hosted a reception for various state level personnel, personnel from the State Attorney's office, the Courts and other partners involved in the success of this program.

There will be funding cuts at the federal level that will have a dramatic effect on our citizens but it will not be known as yet, until it is clarified.

At this point, the Health Care system remains intact.

The monetary award received from the Paul Hastings Award is being used to send four candidates to the Medical Case Management Certification training.

St. Mary's County DSS was recognized with others, by the Public Schools of St. Mary's County for their support by sponsoring the student lunch program that continues through the summer months. More information is available at: www.smcps.org.

March is Social Work month. The agency is hosting a luncheon with guest speaker for all social work staff on Friday, March 31st.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

M. Bailey