



# PAMLICO COUNTY

## Human Services Center

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### **February 26, 2019**

DSS Social Services Board Meeting

Members Present: Angelo Midgette- Chair, Pat Prescott- Co Chair, Beth Bucksot

Guests: Kathryn Garcia

Staff Present: Debbie Green, Director and Danielle Jones – Note taker

Chair-Angelo Midgette called the meeting to order.

January 2019 Minutes approved.

- P4 Update – Child welfare is starting new state system March 25, 2019 for intake and investigation. The data that is coming back is unreliable, still having errors, and is creating issues with entering information in a timely manner while a child's safety could be at risk. DSS board members approved the director in sending a letter to the North Carolina General Assembly to reconsider child welfare P4 program until all issues are resolved.
- Pamlico DSS has partnered with Craven DSS in hopes to create a Child Advocacy Center (CAC) to serve abused children in this area. Child Advocacy Center is intended to reduce the trauma of the situation. The CAC's main purpose is to coordinate the efforts of the various agencies that intercede in child abuse cases (Social Services, Law Enforcement, DA's office, Mental Health, etc.). Without such collaboration, a child victim would have to endure multiple interviews by different professionals. At this time Greenville and Jacksonville are the closest child advocacy centers available.
- Home & Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) monitoring. No errors were found during audit. HCCBG is a program to help keep clients in home care. Aids come in and help provide meals, adult day services, care management, transportation and more.
- Personnel- A long time FNS employee has retired, Medicaid has a position open, and Children's Services has a position opening soon.
- Members voted that Kathryn Garcia submit application to join the board.

The next DSS Board meeting will be March 26, 2019