



PAMLICO COUNTY

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DSS Social Services Board Meeting

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

Staff Present: Debbie Green, Director and Danielle Jones – Note taker, Shelia Stansberry,
Program Manager

Chair-Angelo Midgette called the meeting to order.

February 2019 Minutes approved.

- P4 Update – Thirty-three counties were mandated to start the state child welfare portion of NCFast P4 on March 25, 2019 for intake and investigation. April 1, 2019, is now the go-live date, with counties now having the option to opt out or go live. Pamlico has decided to opt out until issues have been resolved and the program operates accurately. NC fast system keeps shutting down daily, not available on weekends, other agencies have staffing issues and high turnover rates as a direct result of the system difficulties, data that is coming back is unreliable, and still having errors due to the inadequate program.
- Social Service Reform – Report submitted by DHHS to the Legislature with 14 recommendations related to geographic regions and legislative changes. Some specific recommendations included a proposed regional staffing structure, DSS Board member training, finger print/background checks for licensed child care institutions and a study related to caseload range guidelines and equitable pay for child welfare and social services staff. The reform stems from Rylan's Law.
- Pamlico DSS has partnered with Craven DSS in hopes to create a Child Advocacy Center (CAC) to serve abused children in this area. Plans are still moving forward and currently working on getting a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) in place (medical, law enforcement, social workers, therapists, etc.); another meeting is set to take place in April.
- Hurricane / Disaster preparation- A meeting is set to take place to discuss concerns along with future plans for improvement.

- Personnel- Interviews were held for universal worker, after reviewing background information the posting has been reopened. Currently still have a social worker position open in CPS.

The next DSS Board meeting will be April 23, 2019