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April 23, 2019

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,

Lauren Weatherly Child protective services supervisor, Shameka Grimes Social Works III.

Chair-Angelo Midgette called the meeting to order.

March 2019 Minutes approved.

- Children Services Presentation -Lauren Weatherly Child Protective Services Supervisor, Shameka Grimes Social Worker. Mental health issues is becoming an increasing concern in Child Welfare. Child Protective Services (CPS) have been working to find more treatment options to work with children and parents affected with mental health issues. CPS is also looking for more training options to gain more resources for those affected. Children's Services workers have encountered instances where foster children have been taken to the ER for commitment and had to spend several days there, because there were no available beds. The agency is currently looking into training to help family's learn basic needs and or acceptable discipline. The CPS department is also looking at programs to help the social workers when experiencing secondary trauma, themselves.
- Disaster Preparedness meeting is set to take place with DSS Director, County Manager, County's Emergency Manager, County Health Department Director, Senior Services Director, County Maintenance, and County Sherriff in effort to express concerns, needs and future improvements during an emergency.
- Pamlico DSS Director created an opioid impact summary – Programs impacted by the increase of opioid involved cases include Medicaid transportation- to and from opioid clinic. Child support – several absent parents with current child support cases arrested as a result of opioid involvement, and or death of over dose. Child Welfare- Child protective services report also increased due to caregiver's involvement with opioid use.
- Personnel- Interviews for open positions with income maintenance. Social worker position also open.

The next DSS Board meeting will be May 28, 2019