



PAMLICO COUNTY

Human Services Center

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January 28, 2020

DSS Social Services Board Meeting

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

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

Carinna Smith - Guest

Chair-Angelo Midgette called the meeting to order.

November 2019 Minutes approved.

- Low income energy assistance program (LIEAP) Provides a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills. Benefits are based on income, household size, and fuel type. LIEAP starts December 1st through December 31st serving the elderly clients (60 and over) or disabled individuals who are receiving services through Division of Aging and Adult Services. Beginning January 1st 2020 through March 31st, its open to qualifying individuals of the general public. Benefits are paid directly to the vendors. Pamlico received original allocation and additional funding. Those funds at this time has been spent. A second request for additional funds has been submitted.
- Medicaid Transformation has been suspended- The State did not approve the budget by the November deadline, and Medicaid will continue to operate as it has been. NC FAST state budget not passed. Child welfare P4 program has been placed on hold.
- Program numbers were presented to board members. This is created each month for board members to have a better understanding of how many clients are served and case sizes per program. Medicaid transportation and adult protective services are seeing an increase due to the needs of elder clients.
- Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) is a state funded public transportation grant program administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation Public Transportation Division. Director applied for grant and should receive funds in the coming weeks to server our clients' non-emergency medical transportation needs.
- Personnel- Currently still have a foster care social worker position vacancy. Our newest CPS worker is attending pre-service training before she will be able to work on her own. Pamlico also signed a contract with Vanguard to bring in state certified CPS workers during any times where the agency is short staffed due to vacancies and extended medical leave.

The next DSS Board meeting will be February 25, 2020