



# PAMLICO COUNTY

## Human Services Center

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### July 28, 2020

DSS Social Services Board Meeting

Members Present: Angelo Midgette- Chair, Pat Prescott -Co Chair, Beth Bucksot, Carinna Smith, Nancy Piner

Staff Present: Debbie Green, Director and Danielle Jones – Note taker, Guest Speaker Lauren Weatherly

Chair-Angelo Midgette called the meeting to order.

June 2020 Board Minutes approved.

- Child protective services (CPS) presentation – Lauren Weatherly CPS Supervisor went over care and concerns while conducting CPS reports during this difficult time. Lauren discussed cases involving mental health, previous family history cases and substance abuse along with the struggles and decisions needed made for the best interest for the children. Those decisions include whether the client be placed with a next of kin or placed in a state certified foster care home.
- 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. Child care numbers are not being reported by the state due to COVID agencies are still receiving payment.
- Pamlico Human Services is still operating normal business hours. Recommendations have been followed. All entrance doors have signage regarding DHHS websites where benefit applications can be accessed. More stringent cleaning protocols are being followed throughout the agency, especially in common areas. Several employees rotate and have started teleworking from home. PPE is provided to workers that need to make services calls outside the facility. The state has provided Personal Protective Equipment (mask, gloves and hand sanitizer) for CPS and APS workers.
- COVID testing was available to Pamlico Human Service workers who choose to be tested.
- Hurricane Planning – Meeting last week with other departments to go over hurricane preparations. Red Cross training offered online at this time due to current situation.

Currently waiting to hear back from Red Cross in regards to COVID restrictions will need to be considered, as well as the college is currently under construction.

- Personnel – DSS currently has one child protective services position open. Promoted a current Medicaid worker to new SW II position in the Adult Service's Unit.

The next DSS Board meeting will be August 25, 2020