



# PAMLICO COUNTY

## Human Services Center

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### September 22, 2020

DSS Social Services Board Meeting

Members Present: Nancy Piner, Beth Bucksot, Pat Prescott, Corrina Smith

Staff Present: Debbie Green, Director and Danielle Jones – Note taker, Guest Annie Donaldson.

Nancy Piner made a motion, second by Corrina Smith for Pat Prescott to become the new Chair and Nancy Piner be Co-Chair, All agreed.

July and August board minutes were approved.

- 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 stayed about the same no applications were taken, no one is currently on waiting list. Child care facilities will be paid based on the number of children actually attending. Child support cases are running about the average number of cases.
- DSNAP (Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is now looking at being able to apply online if a disaster is deemed.
- Medicaid Managed care is back on the states schedule. Everyone receiving will be going live starting July 2021. Open enrollment will be March 2021.
- Annie Donaldson foster care worker -presented a program to the board members serving the age group 18-21. Those who were in foster care on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday have the option to continue remaining in foster care until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. The state pays their room and board, while the county provides supports to the young adult. Ms. Donaldson also discussed the Links Program. This program helps assist teens with qualifying expenses, such as work uniforms, assistance for getting a car, etc. The program also offers help to the foster child with budgeting and life skills.
- 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.

- Cares Act Funding of twenty-five million was approved by the state- this helps those who previous applied and were approved for LIEAP as well as those who receive food stamps automatically receive additional funding towards Heating and cooling expenses.
- COVID funding – funding for APS, CPS and Foster Care has been distributed. These funds will help provide equipment to workers in those departments. This new equipment will help serve clients while working outside the facility in current and future disasters.

Next DSS Board Meeting Will Be October 27, 2020