

**Kent County Department of Social Services
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2019**

Present: Kevin Karpowicz, Beverly Birkmire, Olythea Hunley Charlotte Potts, William Washington, Shelly Neal-Edwards, Patty Dahle (scribe)

Absent: Bob Jacob, Tracy Williams

Presentation: Child Support

Chairperson's Report :

- Approval of minutes from September 16, 2019 (due to not having a quorum minutes from September could not be approved at October's meeting) and October 21, 2019 meetings. Motion to approve made by William Washington and second by Beverly Birkmire motion carried by unanimous vote
- Recruitment opportunities discussed. Possibility of sending postcards as shown to Advisory Board Members out along with letters to the Community explaining what the KC CARES Foundation is along with recruitment to be sent out in January or February of 2020.
 - David May is a potential new member for the Advisory Board. Will follow up on the paperwork that needs to be submitted.

➤ **Kent County CARES Foundation**

➤ **Director's Report :**

- **Divisional Performance Report -September & October** were reviewed by attending members. No questions asked.
- **Technological Events** – The state has multiple of technologic changes coming. With enhanced programs and equipment. Programs such as:
 - CJAMS - Services program which has been rolled out to Washington County on October 28, 2020 Pre live training will begin in January.
 - FIA – E&E program (TCA, SNAP and Medical) Kent and Queen Annes County will be the first to pilot the program in March of 2020.
- **Staff Changes** - KCDSS along with other agencies are noticing an increased amount of retirements. This is due to retiree prescription coverage when eligible for Medicare Part D. This stemmed from pension reform by the General Assembly in 2011 which lowered the state's post-employment benefits liability. It was signed into law this summer. Those state employees who retire before December 31, 2019 would have access to a plan with an out-of-pocket expense cap at \$1500. Retirees after that date would have a cap of \$6500.
- **Reminders** -
 - No meeting in December 2019. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2020.
- **Additional Topics** -
 - Leadership Group project - Board support is needed for use of name and non-profit.
- **Motion to Adjourn:** With no additional business at hand, a motion to adjourn was made by Beverly Birkmire at 4:55pm, seconded by William Washington. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 3:30pm in the Child Support Conference Room, 315 High Street, Chestertown, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Dahle, Recording Secretary