

**Charlottesville**  
**Social Services**  
**Advisory Board**

City of Charlottesville, City Hall Annex, P.O. Box 911,  
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**MINUTES**

Charlottesville Department of Social Services  
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September 24, 2018

Board Members Present: Kathryn Gallanosa, Christine Gough, Rebekah Menning, Nikuyah Walker, Judith Zeitler

Board Members Absent: Lisa Brown, Cathee Johnson Phillips, Ivy Porpotage

Staff Members Present: Shawn Fry, Diane Kuknyo, and Laura Morris

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m.

**Introductions:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The August minutes were approved with one revision. In the director's report section concerning the annual report, the word "being" needs to be changed to "bring".

**Members' Report:**

Ms. Gallanosa reminded everyone about the upcoming UVA Schwartz Center Rounds session: Revisiting Compassion in the Face of Chaos - How UVA Health System Responded to the Events of August 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Schwartz Center Rounds are open to everyone -- faculty, staff, students, caregivers, and non-caregivers -- to offer a safe forum to discuss the difficult psychological, social, and emotional aspects of providing care. The open-forum format is case-based, exploring real UVA cases.

**Chair's Report:**

Ms. Gough reminded members that the advisory board's annual report to city council will be presented on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Director's Report:**

Staff Recognition: Ms. Kuknyo shared that department staff were recently recognized by the Virginia Department of Social Services for the number of kinship care placements. Kinship care placements are foster care placements with relatives. The state target is 32%. The department is at 40%.

JLARC Visit: Ms. Kuknyo shared that staff from the State Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) are here today to interview family services staff to learn about current processes and what areas could

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be improved. Charlottesville was one of a select number of agencies state-wide asked to participate. The information will be used in a larger report to legislature.

Emergency Operations for Hurricane Florence: Ms. Kuknyo shared that department staff were on standby to open shelters for Hurricane Florence. A physical emergency operations center was opened on Wednesday; but changed to a virtual center once the hurricane's path changed. The virtual center stayed open through the weekend to monitor flooding. The department along with the Albemarle Department of Social Services and the University of Virginia spent a lot of time planning and preparing for the event.

**Annual Report Draft:**

Board members reviewed the report draft and provided feedback. Ms. Kuknyo will make revisions based on board member's comments.

**The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2018 in the City Hall Basement Conference Room.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Recorded by:  
Laura Morris