

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

City of Charlottesville, City Hall Annex, P.O. Box 911,  
Charlottesville, VA 22902



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**MINUTES**

Charlottesville Department of Social Services  
Advisory Board

October 22, 2018

Board Members Present: Lisa Brown, Christine Gough, Rebekah Menning

Board Members Absent: Kathryn Gallanosa, Cathee Johnson Phillips, Ivy Porpotage, Nikuyah Walker, Judith Zeitler

Staff Members Present: Diane Kuknyo, and Laura Morris

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m.

**Introductions:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Approval of the September minutes was deferred until the November meeting because not enough members were present to have a quorum.

**Members' Report:**

Ms. Brown shared a flyer for a growing non-profit providing doula services in the area. She will send Ms. Morris an electronic version of the flyer to include on the department's lobby announcement board.

**Chair's Report:**

Ms. Gough pointed out that the December meeting would be December 24<sup>th</sup> and city offices will be closed. The options would be to either re-schedule the meeting or cancel. Board members present elected to cancel the December meeting.

**Director's Report:**

Annual Report to City Council: Ms. Kuknyo shared that the annual report was presented to council on October 15<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Gough did a good job with the presentation. Ms. Kuknyo added that she will be making a suggestion to the city manager's office that board reports should not be the last item on council agendas as most board members are volunteers and it is unfair that they have to stay for the entire meeting and often do not make their presentations until after 11:00 p.m.

Medicaid Expansion: Ms. Kuknyo shared that the Governor released a press announcement that Medicaid expansion is coming. Citizens may begin signing up on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Coverage will begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Women's Writing Contest: Ms. Kuknyo shared that the Women's Initiative is holding a writing contest to celebrate women's stories on growth and healing. Submissions are due by December 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kuknyo will forward the e-mail announcement to board members so they can promote in the community.

Trauma Informed Care Training: Ms. Kuknyo shared that the department will hold a trauma informed care training on October 31<sup>st</sup> for all staff. The city manager's office has given the department permission to close for the day. Staff who attended the national conference in Walla Walla, Washington will be leading the training.

Preliminary Foster Care Holiday Celebration Planning: Ms. Kuknyo shared that department staff are in the preliminary stages of planning the annual foster care holiday celebration. The event is for children in foster care, their biological families, and foster families.

A downtown business has offered to provide the space and food for the event. However, more discussion is needed on confidentiality requirements.

Board Opening: Ms. Kuknyo reminded everyone that there is still an open position on the board and asked if members know of anyone who is interested in serving to encourage them to apply.

**The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2018 in the City Hall Basement Conference Room.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Recorded by:  
Laura Morris