



MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center, Woodbridge, VA

* ABSENT FROM MEETING

** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

Open Meeting

Laurie Wilson, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:32 PM.

Approval of Minutes-

The Minutes of July 16, 2024, were approved. [CT, CF; unanimous].

Public Comment

None.

Presentation

Overview of DSS' Homeless Program, presented by Latasha Younger and Priscilla Castillo-Woyak.

After the presentation, a short tour of the facility was given to interested members.

Action Items

None.

Chairman's Time

Chair Wilson congratulated Phyllis Jenning-Holt on becoming the new Director of the Department of Social Services.

Director's Time

- *Update on Strategic Plan 2025-2028.* The plan is still in development and has been since July. The process is divided into 5 phases. Phase 3 is scheduled to conclude in November.
- *Update on the FY26 Budget Process.* The Health, Wellbeing & Environmental Sustainability group (HWES), of which DSS is a part, are currently getting their 'asks' together. DSS is asking for 23 positions for FY 26 including positions for Long Term Care Screening, the Public Assistance Division and for full-time front desk staff for the Customer Support and Services Division. Chair Wilson would like the board to send a letter that highlights DSS' current needs and asked the members to think about what they would like the letter to say.
- *National Adoption Day- November 16, 2024*
- *Fatherhood Initiative's Annual Father-Daughter Dance* – February 8, Ferlazzo Building.

Board Members' Time

The board was informed of several charitable events taking place in the County.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting [JM; CT; unanimous]. Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

APPROVED: *Linda Meier*
Clerk to Board