

**Kent County Department of Social Services
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2019**

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

Absent: Olythea Hunley, Bob Jacob, Tracy Williams

Presentation: Budget Presentation

Chairperson's Report :

- Unable to approve minutes from September 16, 2019 meeting as the number of attendees did not constitute a quorum. Will need to approve September minutes at the November meeting.

➤ **Kent County CARES Foundation**

- Fund withdrawal request could not be approved as the number of attendees did not constitute a quorum.
 - The fund withdrawal request will be sent via email to all Board members for written approval.

➤ **Director's Report :**

- **Divisional Performance Report -September** were reviewed by attending members. Child Support Supervisor will attend November's meeting to explain percentages.
 - **Technological Changes** - The state has multiple of technologic changes coming. With enhanced programs and equipment. Programs such as CJAMS - Services program which will be rolled out to Washington county within the next few days. FIA - E&E program has been delayed due to issues with the program. New equipment such as Mobil devices, laptops and tablets are being released for installation.
 - **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:**
 - MASSB Annual Conference is at the end of the week. Dr. Karpowicz and Shelly will be in attendance.
 - Agency Trunk or Treat will be held in the main parking lot on Thursday, October 31, 2019. Donations of candy are welcomed
- The next meeting will be held November 18, 2019 at 3:30pm in the Child Support Conference Room, 315 High Street, Chestertown, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Dahle, Recording Secretary