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Meeting Minutes

Social Services Commission Special Meeting

December 9, 2020 10:00 A.M.

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I. Call to Order

1. Chairman Drew Pledger called the Social Services Commission quarterly meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Meeting was virtual using Go-To-Webinar.
2. Chairman Drew Pledger reviewed the Ethics Reminder and Conflict of Interest as set out in G.S. 163A-159.
3. Social Services Commission Roll Call
 - i. **Commissioners in attendance and constituting a quorum were:** Daniel Agha-Ball, Mark Marquez, Margie Christopher, Willa Wyatt, Robert Simmons, Larry Sharpe, Drew Pledger, Daniel Briggs, Sigmund Tannebaum and Cindy Locklear
 - ii. **Commissioners absent:** Iris Carlton-LaNey, Heather Hayes-Williams and Anthony Anderson
 - iii. **DHHS Staff Present:** Paris Penny (DSS), Gwen Waller (DSS) and Jay Pontier (NC FAST)
 - iv. **DOJ Staff Present:** Tom Campbell
 - v. **Other Guest Present:** None.
4. Chairman Drew Pledger provided introductions and opening remarks.
5. Motion by Chairman Drew Pledger to move and approve the meeting minutes from August 12, 2020. Motion carried by Willa Wyatt. Seconded by Larry Sharpe and carried without dissent.

II. Unfinished Business

1. Appointments to county boards of social services to fill the seats of terms expiring. Applications voted upon by Congressional Districts as follows:
 - a. Congressional District 1:
 - i. Motion by Drew Pledger to move to appoint Mamie Lee Scott to Halifax County Department of Social Services Board. Motion carried

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- by Willa Wyatt. Seconded by Robert Simmons and carried without dissent.
- ii. Motion by Drew Pledger to move to appoint Maudie Vinon Chambers to Hertford County Department of Social Services Board. Motion carried by Willa Wyatt. Seconded by Daniel Briggs and carried without dissent.
 - iii. Motion by Drew Pledger to move to appoint Cindy P. Davis to Warren County Department of Social Services Board. Motion carried by Willa Wyatt. Seconded by Robert Simmons and carried without dissent.
- b. Congressional District 3:
- i. Motion by Drew Pledger to move to appoint Linda Carol Roberts to Beaufort County Department of Social Services Board. Motion carried by Daniel Agha-Ball. Seconded by Robert Simmons and carried without dissent.
 - ii. Motion by Drew Pledger to move to appoint Terissa Jordan Blanchard to Perquimans County Department of Social Services Board. Motion carried by Drew Pledger. Seconded by Larry Sharpe and carried without dissent.
- c. Congressional District 5:
- i. Motion by Drew Pledger to move to appoint Darlene Bullins to Stokes County Department of Social Services Board. Motion carried by Willa Wyatt. Seconded by Robert Simmons and carried without dissent.
- d. Congressional District 6:
- i. Motion by Drew Pledger to move to appoint Thomas Milton Droke to Chatham County Department of Social Services Board. Motion carried by Willa Wyatt. Seconded by Robert Simmons and carried without dissent.
 - ii. Motion by Drew Pledger to move to appoint Elbert Lassiter to Randolph County Department of Social Services Board. Motion carried by Daniel Briggs. Seconded by Willa Wyatt and carried without dissent.
- e. Congressional District 13:
- i. Motion by Drew Pledger to move to appoint Edwin G. Dawson to Davidson County Department of Social Services Board. Motion carried by Daniel Agha-Ball. Seconded by Mark Marquez and carried without dissent.

III. New Business

1. Drew Pledger introduced Dr. Sigmund Tannenbaum representing the 6th Congressional District.

IV. Staff Comments

1. There will be several county departments of social services boards with vacancies in June 2021. Staff request the Commission allow for the nominations of appointments to county departments of social services boards to be on the June 10, 2021 agenda.

V. Social Services Board Members Comments

1. Per request of the Commission, general counsel for the Commission will review if “recommended by” is required to be completed on the nominee application for appointment by the Social Services Commission.
2. Commissioners questioned whether a person who served two consecutive terms is eligible for another term if there was a break in the period from the previous two terms. Per request of the Commission, general counsel for the Commission will research case law to interpret similar term limit language and provide guidance to the Commission at the next quarterly meeting.
3. Commissioners expressed concerns about rising evictions, food insecurity and effects this has on families. Therefore, the Commissioners requested staff work with Chairman Pledger to include updates about the status of the adoption of Families First Prevention Services Act and ongoing Regional Support.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Drew Pledger to adjourn meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried by Willa Wyatt. Seconded by Robert Simmons and carried without dissent.