

St. Mary's County Department of Social Services
Board of Directors Meeting
January 28, 2014

Attendance:

The regular meeting of the Board of the St. Mary's County Department of Social Services was held on January 28, 2014. Board members in attendance were: Wanda Brown, Chairperson; Lynn Fitrell; Leisha Wood; Pamala Emplit; Ella Somerville and Richard Buckler. Absent: Cynthia Brown; Veda Willis; Susie Fowler.

Minutes:

The minutes for the October 22, 2013 meeting were approved.

Education Session: No education session.

Chairperson's Report:

Old Business

Ms. Brown reported that she is waiting on information from Ms. Laskey for an article she will write and submit to the "Letter to the Editor" section of *The Enterprise* concerning the need for foster families.

New Business

Ms. Brown reported on the Homeless Resource Day that took place November 8, 2013, at the Lexington Park United Methodist Church. Board members who participated felt it was a great day. A result of the Board's participation was the donation of 70 coats to the church's closet.

Ms. Brown presented \$100 worth of gift cards to the agency donated from Giant to be awarded to staff who are recognized for outstanding performance in a given area. Ms. Brown requested a letter from the agency with tax ID so that she could possibly receive more gift cards from other local businesses.

Ms. Brown completed a training on the Open Meeting Act, and reported that the Board is in compliance with the law. She will send the e-mail link to the Board Members as anyone is welcomed to take the training provided by the University of Maryland.

Meeting Cancellation Due to Weather—after discussion the Board decided that cancellation of a Board meeting due to inclement weather would follow the County's decision to cancel after hours meetings or closing of county government.

Director's Report: No Report

Dates to Remember:

February 27, 2014 @ 11 a.m. – Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Playroom and Family Room in the Lexington Park Office. These rooms were re-done by the Judy Center. The agency and the Judy Center are in partnership and this effort will continue the outreach to our customers and families that the Judy Center works with.

New Business:

Legislative

Ms. Fitrell reported that the meeting was postponed due to snow.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 25, 2014.