

01.06.20 Board of Social Services Meeting

Attendees

- Marquette Rogers
- Oscar Mensah
- Catherine Kahn (phone)
- Jean Swift
- Stephanie Mensh
- Carolyn Chen
- Kendall Battle
- Warren Hansen
- Samaura Stone (by stone)
- Dr. Raymond Crowel
- Dourakine Rosarion

Introductions/Approval of December Minutes

- Marquette calls the meeting to order
- December 2019 Board minutes are unanimously approved without edits.

Presentation from Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, DHHS

- Professional history
 - As Chief of Behavioral Health Services, Dr. Crowel led a Strategic Alignment effort focused on promotion, prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts in the county
- 4 Priorities as Director
 - Access to services – helping those who are in need.
 - Navigation of system – better integration across DHHS service areas
 - Improving capacity to serve – example: improving the Department’s contracting process
 - Equity – adopting a “do-for” approach
- Listening is just as important as doing. Key part of Dr. Crowel’s leadership style.
- Q & A with Board members
 - Role of technology – can it assist with outcome based measuring?
 - Greater accountability for grants and contracts – transition is on-going with grants process and the contracts used for nonprofit partners
 - Reforming procurement – rewriting RFPs to better align with County Executive’s priorities
- Presentation on Public Charge and potential impact on DHHS programs
 - Recent Supreme Court decision to allow Public Charge to go forward
 - DHHS has been planning for months for the potential impacts on service delivery and individuals accessing services
 - Impact will be felt across all DHHS service areas
 - DHHS working with MCPS on communicating with public
 - Lot of confusion in community about what does or does not fall under Public charge

Old Business

- Election of new officers
 - Motion passed to create a Doodle poll to nominate AND vote on individuals to serve in the Vice President and Secretary polls

- 2020 MASSB conference planning
 - MASSB leaders still in process of securing a venue first
 - Once a venue is securing, then the Board will work on a theme and activities for agenda

Review of Action Items/Next Steps

- Warren to create Doodle form to allow Board members to nominate and vote for VP and Secretary positions prior to February meeting