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**City of Fredericksburg Department of Social Services
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2011**

Present for the meeting: Kathy Anderson, Florence Bailey, Diane Clark, Angel Gooch-Tankersley, Beth Girone, and Thomas Tomzak

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:10 am.
- II. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
- III. Kathy Anderson motioned, Thomas Tomzak seconded and the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the August 12, 2011 Board meeting.
- IV. **Budget Report:** Beth Girone distributed the budget report and there was little discussion. A question was asked about the TANF/VIEW Working/Trans DC being at 55% remaining and is this typical this early in the year. It was explained that as the money is spent, we are able to draw down additional funds and that percentage will be ever-changing throughout the Fiscal year.
- V. **Director's Report:** In the Director's absence, Ms. Girone distributed the Director's report. Highlights included the Court Best Practices conference Ms. Gallik was attending 9/8-9/9/11. Also 2 adoptions were finalized this month and the agency received \$3,000 in Adoption Incentive funds to help cover costs for this year's Annual Adoption Celebration on November 19th. Ms. Gallik also invited Board Members to attend the "Tree Fredericksburg" event on Saturday, October 15th at 9 am in our agency parking lot. Trees will be planted along our median as part of the event.
- VI. **Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss.
- VII. **New Business:** Mr. Tomzak brought up the topic regarding the community's problem of too many young girls having babies who were fathered by older males. He stated that we need to increase male responsibility and as leaders, the Board needs to take a stand on the issue. He asked that Ms. Gallik write a letter to the Superintendent of schools on behalf of the Board stating males aren't taking responsibility for their actions. Ms. Bailey stated she had a concern with writing a letter that was so narrow in focus and asked the question "What does it look like really to be responsible?" Ms. Anderson added that male responsibility is not the only thing and that this is everyone's problem across systems. Ms. Bailey felt we needed to include other community leaders besides just the Superintendent. Ms. Girone added that one idea might be to have a community forum and invite community leaders to increase community awareness on the issue. Mr. Tomzak made a motion that the Board send a letter to the Superintendent regarding male responsibility stating we have a concern about the negative impact this has on women and children in the community. Kathy Anderson amended the motion to include other identified parties. When called for the question, there were no votes in favor of the motion so the motion was dead. Mr. Tomzak then made a motion that we send a "like" letter to the

Fredericksburg City School Board. When called for the question, there were no votes in favor and the motion was dead. Ms. Clark stated that just because the Board does not want to write the letter does not mean that they do not want to be a part. Kathy Anderson spoke up to say that she is willing to attend a meeting outside of the Board's meeting to discuss a plan.

- VIII. **Executive Session:** There was no need for Executive Session.
- IX. **Items for Consent:** There were no items for consent.
- X. **Items for Approval:** There were no items for approval.

Next Meeting Schedule: The next meeting will be **October 14, 2011 at 8 am**. The Board also decided on an alternative date for the November meeting due to the Veteran's Day Holiday. The Board will meet on **THURSDAY (instead of Friday), November 10th at 7:30 am (instead of 8:00)**.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Beth Girone Date 10/14/11
Beth Girone, Assistant Director

Diane Clark Date Oct. 14, 2011
Diane Clark, Chair

APPROVED