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**City of Fredericksburg Department of Social Services
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2011**

Present for the meeting: Kathy Anderson, Florence Bailey, Diane Clark, Beth Girone, Thomas Tomzak, and Libby Wasem

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:08 am.
- II. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
- III. Florence Bailey motioned, Libby Wasem seconded and the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the September 9, 2011 Board meeting.
- IV. **Budget Report:** Beth Girone distributed the budget report. Ms. Gallik summarized by stating that the first 3 months of this Fiscal Year are going according to forecast. Overall, we are currently receiving 88% Federal/State dollars and 12% local dollars.
- V. **Director's Report:** Highlights from the Director's report included meetings, trainings and conferences Ms. Gallik has attended and agency news and personnel changes/additions.
- VI. **Old Business:** Ms. Girone shared information gathered at the Northeast Family Strengthening Conference attended by Ms. Gallik and her on 9/26-9/27 regarding Fatherhood Initiatives. The Board entered into a discussion about their potential role in a community-wide approach to deal with the areas of concern. Ms. Bailey suggested we have a work session to discuss this issue and to develop a plan. Ms. Anderson stated we could generate a letter inviting community advocates to a larger meeting. Ms. Wasem agreed that we need to get a focus group started to include the schools. Ms. Clark added that we don't really know what's offered in schools on the subject and that this information would be helpful. Mr. Tomzak stated he thought that the overall issue is to reduce the number of children living in poverty as a result of behavior and that the three main concerns are: 1) to provide a safety net for new born babies 2) prevention services; and 3) to stop the cycle of poverty. Ms. Bailey suggested that although we may not be able to conquer all those things at once, if we begin to try for change that the character building would follow. It was decided that more information was needed to find out what community partners are doing (ie, the PD 16 Prevention Planning Partnership (PPP)). Also, it was suggested that a representative from the Woman and Girl's Fund could come and speak to the Board about their work and that we could ask Ben Nagle to come to the December meeting to give an overview of the roles and activities of the PPP.
- VII. **New Business:** There was no new business to discuss.
- VIII. **Executive Session:** The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.
- 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 **THURSDAY (instead of Friday), November 10th at 7:30 am (instead of 8:00).**

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Beth Gjrone Date 11/10/11

Beth Gjrone, Assistant Director

Diane Clark Date 11-10-2011

Diane Clark, Chair

APPROVED