PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

April 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the Passaic County Board of Social Services was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 80 Hamilton Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

<u>PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA MS TEAMS LIVE STREAM</u>

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE the Passaic County Board of Social Services, has scheduled its regularly monthly meeting for April 2023 to occur on: Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 9:00AM. Pursuant to the State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency declared by New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy set forth in Executive Order No. 103, and further limitations on public gatherings set forth in Executive Order No.: 104, the Board shall hold the Regular Meeting at 9:00AM - as scheduled, with no members of the public physically present, as authorized under N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(a), and in accordance with Administrative Order No. 20-01 issued by the Passaic County Administrator closing County Buildings to non-essential personnel and the public effective March 18, 2020 at 8:30AM. If a member of the public wishes to place a public comment on the record, please email your comment to: info@PCBSS.org stating your name, address, and matter to be addressed by the Board by no later than April 27, 2022 @ 7:00AM. Then, the Clerk to the Board shall read same into the public record, during the public meeting. Moreover, some or all members of the Board and all members of the Public may participate in this meeting telephonically, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12-1, et seq., and Official action may be taken. The Board Meeting for this month will be held in separate formats via the MS TEAMS Platform. The first is via live video through MS TEAMS, with the call-in information being: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/Microsoft-teams/log-in_with meeting ID of: 250 835 623 55 and passcode: duxTdX. The second will be via a call-in telephone number, which will be: 872-215-1406 with telephone conference ID of: 826 379 028#. The public will also have an opportunity to speak during the "public portion of this meeting," through both formats - as authorized by law.

If an Executive session is required, the Board will retire to a closed session- pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-6, and follow the procedures provided in this statute.

ALSO, pursuant to the issuance of Executive Order 107, this meeting will be conducted using communications equipment (i.e.: telephonic or internet streaming), which will be in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the "Open Public Meetings Act"). This is also consistent with P.L. A-3855/S-2294, which was signed into law by Governor Murphy on Friday, March 20, 2020, directing that public meeting be conducted virtually during this pandemic, as well as recent Executive Orders by Governor Murphy numbered: 194 (11/10/20), 195 (11/12/20), and 196 (11/16/20).

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M.

Present:

Commissioner Carol Cuadrado, Chairwoman

Commissioner Dr. Jabeen Ahmed, Vice Chairwoman Commissioner Rev. Douglas Maven, Secretary Treasurer

Commissioner Kathleen A. Donnelly, Assistant Secretary Treasurer

Commissioner Marilyn Frierson County Adjuster Domenick Stampone

Commissioner John Bartlett

County Commissioner Bruce James

Also

Present:

Talisa Coleman, Executive Director

April L. Carter, Administrative Assistant

Flavio Rivera, Fiscal Officer

Thania Melo, Human Resource Manager Albert Buglione, Special/Outside Counsel

Motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Jabeen Ahmed, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, that the minutes of the Board Meeting held March 23, 2023, be approved as submitted. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

ADMINISTRATION

- 6A Director's Financial Report including Administrative Bills, Medical Transportation and Child Care Payments: Motion to approve payments included in the Director's Financial Report as presented to the Board made by Commissioner Rev. Douglas Maven, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.
- 6B Ratification of payments made for payrolls:

3/01/2023-3/15/2023 CK# 305738-305742 \$1,380,985.91 Payroll 3/16/2023-3/31/2023 CK# 305743 \$1,410,607.08 Payroll

Motion to ratify payrolls made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Jabeen Ahmed. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Jabeen Ahmed, that Clearing Account transactions relating to the Food Stamp and Medicaid Programs as listed be approved. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

ASSISTANCE

- 7A Categorical Assistance: Motion was made by County Commissioner John Bartlett, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, that the Board approved payment of categorical assistance for May 1, 2023, consisting of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Refugee Assistance and Social Service Emergency Assistance. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.
- Funeral Grants: A motion was made by County Commissioner John Bartlett, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, that the Board approve the payment of funeral grants as listed. A copy of this listing is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting up to the public made by County Commissioner Bruce James, seconded by County Commissioner John Bartlett . Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

PUBLIC PORTION

(None)

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to resume the regular order of business and open the meeting up to the public made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, seconded by County Commissioner John Bartlett. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Copies of the following informational program reports were provided to the Board and are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes:

- A. Abacus Department (Informational)
- B. Property & Resources Department (Informational)
- C. Training Department (Informational)
- D. Child Support Department (Informational)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Carol Cuadrado to approve the Executive Committee Report, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

- 1. Case Statistics (Informational)
- 2. E.A. Service and Child Support, Training, and WFNJ Monthly Statistics March 2023(Informational)
- 3. COVID Status
- 4. Medicaid Unwinding Readiness: (Informational)
- 5. SNAP, TANF, and GA: (Informational)
- 6. Extended Evening Hours (Informational)
- 7. Professional Development Days (Informational)
- 8. Performance Evaluations

EDUCATIONAL LEAVE COMMITTEE

No Report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Carol Cuadrado to approve both the non-confidential and confidential Personnel Committee Reports, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

GOOD AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

No Report

WELFARE FRAUD AND ABUSE COMMITTEE

The monthly fraud department statistics were provided to all Board Members as part of the report of the Abacus Department (Agenda 11A).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

(Informational)

- 1. Metal Detectors-Central office (80 Hamilton Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07505)-The Sheriff's Department is working with their administration on how to obtain metal detectors for our buildings.
- 2. Camera purchase; awaiting County approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Approval Needed)

Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditures was made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly to approve the Finance Committee Report seconded by Commissioner Dr Jabeen Ahmed. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

- I. Monthly Expenditures- All monthly expenditures are of a routine nature.
- II. Data Processing and EBT Quarterly Billing

Request approval to pay the Division of Family Development for our agency's responsibility of Data Processing and EBT expense applicable to (FAMIS) and NJKiDS systems for the quarter ending March 31, 2023.

The recommendation is to approve payment of \$91,415.00.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS (Informational)

1.	March 24, 2023	Collaboration Meeting via Zoom with Clifton Health and Human
		Services Satellite Office

2.	April 10, 2023	Passaic County Board of Chosen Commissioners
		Public Services Conference Planning Meeting
		401 Grand Street (Conference Room)

	3.	April 17, 2023	Preparation for Passaic County Public Services Conference
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4. April 28, 2023 Public Services Conference Event

COUNSEL'S REPORT

A copy of the Counsel report as forwarded to all Board members (Informational). A copy attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

- 1. Legal Counsel Report-Hearings-March 1-March 31, 2023
 - a.) Child Support
 - b.) Institutional Medicaid Hearings

COMMUNICATIONS (None)

NEW BUSINESS- (Approval Needed)

Motion to approve Proclamation was made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Jabeen Ahmed. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

1. Resolution Affirming the County of Passaic Use of Premises at the Borough of Wanaque Property as a Hold-Over from the Sublease with the Passaic County Board of Social Services.

OLD BUSINESS- (None)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, seconded by County Commissioner John Bartlett. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

*****MEETING CONCLUDED - 9:21 A.M.****

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Douglas Maven Secretary Treasurer

Attested to:

Talisa A. Coleman

Meeting began: A.M. 9:05AM

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Administration A. Director's Financial Report: Administrative Bills, Medical Transportation and Child Care Payments. (Non-confidential list of vendors posted at meeting)	Monthly Board Meeting March 23, 2023 Commissioner Dr. Jabeen Ahmed Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly	Open Public Meetings Act	Roll Call	Call Meeting to Order Oath of Allegiance to the Flag	DESCRIPTION
COMM. AHMED 1st YES	AHMED 1st YES		AHMED PRESENT		COMM. AHMED
COMM. ALSTON	ALSTON		ABSENT		COMM. ALSTON
COMM. BARTLETT YES	BARTLETT YES		COMM. BARTLETT PRESENT		COMM. BARTLETT
COMM. CUADRADO YES	COMM. CUADRADO YES		COMM. CUADRADO PRESENT		COMM. CUADRADO
COMM. DONNELLY 2nd YES	COMM. DONNELLY 2nd YES		COMM. DONNELLY PRESENT		COMM. DONNELLY
COMM. FRIERSON YES	COMM. FRIERSON YES		COMM. FRIERSON PRESENT		FRIERSON
COUNTY COMM JAMES YES	COUNTY COMM JAMES YES		COUNTY COMM JAMES PRESENT		COUNTY COMM. JAMES
REV. MAVEN	REV. MAVEN		REV. MAVEN ABSENT		MAVEN
County Adjuster STAMPONE YES	County Adjuster STAMPONE YES		County Adjuster STAMPONE PRESENT		County Adjuster STAMPONE

@ 9:00 A.M.

Meeting began: A.M. 9:05AM

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Suspend Regular Order of Business (Motion Required) County Commissioner John Bartlett Commissioner Carol Cuadrado	Assistance A. Motion to approve categorical assistance payments for May 1, 2023: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Refugee Assistance, and Social Service Emergency Assistance. B. Funeral Grants County Commissioner John Bartlett Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly	B. Ratification of payroll 3/01/2023-3/15/2023 CK#305738- 305742 \$1,380,985.91 3/16/2023-3/31/2023 Ck#305743 \$1,410,607.08 C. Clearing Account Transactions (recoveries) relating to the Food Stamp, Medicaid, and General Assistance Programs. (Confidential) Commissioner Dr. Jabeen Ahmed Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly
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COMM. ALSTON	COMM. ALSTON	
COMM. BARTLETT 1st YES	COMM. BARTLETT 1st YES	
COMM. CUADRADO 2nd YES	COMM. CUADRADO YES	
COMM. DONNELLY YES	COMM. DONNELLY 2nd YES	
COMM. FRIERSON	COMM. FRIERSON YES	
COUNTY COMM JAMES YES	COUNTY COMM JAMES YES	
REV. MAVEN YES	MAVEN	
County Adjuster STAMPONE	County Adjuster STAMPONE YES	

Meeting began: A.M. 9:05AM

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Committee Reports Executive Committee [Informational] 1. Case Statistics (Informational) 2. E.A. Service and Child Support, Training, and WFNJ Monthly Statistics March 2023-(Informational) 3. COVID Status 4. Medicaid Unwinding Readiness: (Informational) 5. SNAP, TANF, and GA: (Informational)	B. Property and Resources Department C. Training Department D. Child Support Department	Departmental Reports (Informational) A. Abacus Department	Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly County Commissioner John Bartlett	Kesume Regular Order of Business (Motion Required)	Public Portion
COMM AHMED		COMM. AHMED	YES	COMM. AHMED	
COMM. ALSTON		COMM. ALSTON		COMM. ALSTON	
COMM. BARTLETT		COMM. BARTLETT	YES	COMM. BARTLETT	
COMM. CUADRADO		COMM. CUADRADO	YES	COMM. CUADRADO	
COMM. DONNELLY		COMM. DONNELLY	YES	COMM. DONNELLY	
COMM. FRIERSON		COMM. FRIERSON	YES	COMM. FRIERSON	
COUNTY COMM JAMES		COUNTY COMM JAMES	YES	COUNTY	
REV. MAVEN		REV. MAVEN		REV. MAVEN	
County Adjuster STAMPONE		County Adjuster STAMPONE	YES	County Adjuster	

Also Attending: Talisa A. Coleman, Director
Flavio Rivera, Fiscal Officer
Thania Melo, Human Resource Manager
Albert Buglione, Special Counsel/Outside Counsel

April Carter, Administrative Assistant

@ 9:00 A.M.

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Commissioner Carol Cuadrado Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly	Needed) Confidential Report Non-Confidential Report	Personnel Committee (Approval		Educational Leave Committee (No Report)		8. Performance Evaluations- (see attached Memo)	6. Extended Evening Hours (Informational) 7. Professional Development Days (Informational)
	YES	COMM.		COMM. AHMED			
		COMM.		COMM. ALSTON			
	YES	COMM.		COMM. BARTLETT			
	YES	COMM.		COMM. CUADRADO			
	YES	сомм.		COMM. DONNELLY			
	FRIERSON	сомм.		COMM. FRIERSON			
	JAMES YES	COUNTY	JAMES	COMM			
	YES	REV.		REV. MAVEN			
	Adjuster STAMPONE YES	County	STAMPONE	County Adjuster			

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023 © 9:00 A.M. PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Meeting began: A.M. 9:05AM

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Metal Detectors-Central office (80 Hamilton Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07505)- The Sheriff's Department is working with their administration on how to obtain metal detectors for our buildings. Camera purchase; awaiting County approval.	Building & Grounds Committee (Informational)	Fraud Statistics Included in the Abacus Dept. Report 11A (Informational)	Welfare Fraud & Ahuse Committee	Good & Welfare Committee (No Report)
	COMM. AHMED	COMM. AHMED		COMM. AHMED
	COMM. ALSTON	COMM. ALSTON		COMM. ALSTON
	BARTLETT	COMM. BARTLETT		COMM. BARTLETT
	COMM. CUADRADO	COMM. CUADRADO		COMM. CUADRADO
	COMM. DONNELLY	COMM. DONNELLY		COMM. DONNELLY
	COMM. FRIERSON	COMM. FRIERSON		COMM. FRIERSON
	COUNTY COMM JAMES	COUNTY COMM JAMES		COUNTY COMM JAMES
	REV. MAVEN	MAVEN		REV. MAVEN
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	1	AHMED 2nd
		ALSTON
	YES	COMM. BARTLETT
	YES	COMM. CUADRADO
	YES	COMM. DONNELLY 1st
	YES	COMM. FRIERSON
	YES	COUNTY COMM JAMES
		REV. MAVEN
	YES	County Adjuster STAMPONE

@ 9:00 A.M.

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New Business (Approval Needed) 1. Resolution Affirming the County of Passaic Use of Premises at the Borough of Wanaque Property as a Hold-	Communications - (No Report)	Counsel Monthly Report (Informational) 1. Legal Counsel Report March 1- March 31, 2023 a.) Child Support Hearings b.) Institutional Medicaid Hearings	April28.2023 Public Services Conference_Event	April17, 2023 Preparation for Passaic County Public Services Conference	April 10, 2023 Passaic County Board of Chosen Commissioners Public Services Conference Planning Meeting 401 Grand Street (Conference Room)	March 24, 2023 Collaboration Meeting via Zoom with Clifton Health and Human Services Satellite Office	Community Relations Committee - (Informational)
COMM. AHMED 2nd YES	COMM. AHMED	COMM. AHMED					COMM. AHMED
COMM. ALSTON	COMM. ALSTON	COMM. ALSTON					COMM. ALSTON
COMM. BARTLETT YES	COMM. BARTLETT	COMM. BARTLETT					COMM. BARTLETT
CUADRADO YES	COMM. CUADRADO	COMM. CUADRADO					COMM. CUADRADO
COMM. DONNELLY 1st YES	COMM. DONNELLY	COMM. DONNELLY					COMM. DONNELLY
COMM. FRIERSON YES	COMM. FRIERSON	COMM. FRIERSON					COMM. FRIERSON
COUNTY COMM JAMES YES	COUNTY COMM JAMES	COUNTY COMM JAMES					COUNTY COMM JAMES
REV. MAVEN	REV. MAVEN	REV. MAVEN					REV. MAVEN
County Adjuster STAMPONE YES	County Adjuster STAMPONE	County Adjuster STAMPONE					County Adjuster STAMPONE

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Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly County Commission John Bartlett	Adjournment 9:21AM	Adjacompany	Old Business (None)	Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly Commissioner Dr Jabeen Ahmed	Over from the Sublease with the Passaic County Board of Social Services.
	AHMED YES		AHMED		
	ALSTON		COMM. ALSTON		
YES	COMM. BARTLETT 2nd		COMM. BARTLETT		
YES	COMM. CUADRADO		COMM. CUADRADO		
YES	COMM. DONNELLY 1st		COMM. DONNELLY		
YES	COMM. FRIERSON		COMM. FRIERSON		
YES	COUNTY COMM JAMES		COUNTY COMM JAMES		
	REV. MAVEN		REV. MAVEN		
YES	County Adjuster STAMPONE		County Adjuster STAMPONE		

EXECUTIVE/ CLOSED SESSION

Passaic County Board of Social Services

Resolution No. 2023-04-00

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC USE OF PREMISES AT THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE PROPERTY AS A HOLD-OVER FROM THE SUBLEASE WITH THE PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS the Passaic County Board of Social Services requires various office locations to best serve the needs of the citizens of Passaic County; and

WHEREAS the Passaic County Board of Social Services currently enjoys a lessor/ lessee business relationship with the Borough of Wanaque; and

WHEREAS, the Passaic County Board of Social Services previously entered into a lease agreement with the Borough of Wanaque from 2010 through 2020; and

WHEREAS the Passaic County Board of Social Services subsequent thereto entered into a sub-lease agreement with the County of Passaic for use of a portion of the space at the Wanaque office location; and

WHEREAS the Passaic County Board of Social Services became a hold-over tenant between 2020 and the execution of the new lease which took effect January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS as a result of the Passaic County Board of Social Services holdover tenancy, the County of Passaic also became a hold-over tenant to the sublease it entered into with the Passaic County Board of Social Services;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Passaic County Board of Social Services and the County of Passaic hereby affirm the existence of the hold-over tenancy during the period of time when the Passaic County Board of Social Services and the Borough of Wanaque's original lease term ended; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that notwithstanding this hold-over position of tenancy, the use of the office premises in the Borough of Wanaque continued in full force and effect as if a lease and sub-lease had been executed, therefore affording all parties the same rights and responsibilities thereto; and

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Passaic County Board Services upon a roll call of all members of the Board of Directors eligible to vote at a regular meeting held on Thursday, April 27, 2023. ATTEST:

Commissioner Rev. Douglas L. Maven Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:

Commissioner Carol Cuadrado Chairwoman

Passaic County Board of Social Services

Resolution No. 2023-04-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISIONAL PROMOTION TO HSS4- IM

WHEREAS the Passaic County Board of Social Services is in need of provisionally promoting 1 HSS4-IM; and

WHEREAS interviews were conducted for the promotion to HSS4- IM; and

WHEREAS it is by the recommendation of the Executive Director that a qualified candidate whose name shall be provided under separate cover be promoted to the provisional position of HSS4- IM on or after April 27, 2023; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Passaic County Board of Social Services hereby approves the promotion of the candidate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to notify the employee of the provisional promotion with the Passaic County Board of Social Services effective on or after 4/27/23; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to place a copy of this resolution in the personnel file of the employee.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Passaic County Board Services upon a roll call of all members of the Board of Directors eligible to vote at a regular meeting held on Thursday, April 27, 2023.

ATTEST:

Commissioner Rev. Douglas L. Maven

Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:

Commissioner Carol Cuadrado

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Chairwoman

Passaic County Board of Social Services

Resolution No. 2023-04-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISIONAL PROMOTION TO HSS4- MEDICAID

WHEREAS the Passaic County Board of Social Services is in need of provisionally promoting 1 HSS4-Medicaid; and

WHEREAS interviews were conducted for the promotion to HSS4- Medicaid; and

WHEREAS it is by the recommendation of the Executive Director that a qualified candidate whose name shall be provided under separate cover be promoted to the provisional position of HSS4- Medicaid on or after April 27, 2023; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Passaic County Board of Social Services hereby approves the promotion of the candidate; and

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