

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (Joint)

AUTHORITY: Virginia Code, Section 63.2-304; 63.2-305 and 63.2-324

NUMBER MEMBERS: Two (2) from each locality (as per joint agreement adopted 5/22/2003)

TERM OF OFFICE: Four (4) years - No person shall serve more than two full consecutive terms.

REGULAR MEETING DATE: Bi-monthly, usually the 4th Tuesday of the month

ADDITIONAL MEETING DATES: Jointly with the Staunton Administrative Board, the Augusta County Administrative Board, and the Waynesboro Administrative Board of Social Services on a quarterly basis on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The meeting is usually scheduled at 9:45 a.m. The four quarterly meetings with the Social Services Administrative Boards count towards the six total meeting that the State Code requires the Advisory Board to meet per year.

PURPOSE: Established in accordance with the requirements of Section 63.2-304 of the Code of Virginia. The Staunton Social Services Board is the City Manager. The City has constituted a Social Services Advisory Board to serve in an advisory capacity to the City Manager with respect to the duties and functions assigned him as the Social Services Board. Said Advisory Board has been consolidated with a similar board for Augusta County into the new Joint Social Services Advisory Board.

The State Code provides that it shall be the duty of each local board member, be it the regular board or advisory to the board, to interest himself in all matters pertaining to social welfare of the people of the locality served, and to cooperate with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and all other agencies operating for the social betterment of the community.

Qualifications for members of local Social Service Advisory Boards are: an interest in and concern for the community; experience in a variety of civic affairs; ability to place interest of the department above personal or fractional concerns; ability to serve as an effective intermediary between the department and special groups a member may represent; interest, willingness, and the time to work in the program area of concern to the committee. Other characteristics listed are commitment to being an involved concerned, board member; receptivity to new ideas; objectivity; openness to express ideas and defend convictions; and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a respect for the integrity and ability of others and a personal integrity and security in addition to ability to accept community pressures and criticism and the ability to grow in knowledge or in character.