

**Forsyth County Department of Social Services
Board of Social Services
Minutes August 22, 2012**

Call to Order at 8:05 a.m.

Present: Evelyn Terry, Claudette Weston, Nancy Young, Joe Raymond, Melinda Hartley, Diane Wimmer, Gloria Woods

Not Present: Walter Marshall, Mike Wells

Information

- A. Staff Introductions included news hires from Family and Children's Division, Child Support and Adult Services.
- B. There were no public comments.
- C. Director's Report
 - o Adult and Family and Children's Medicaid and FNS have hit all time highs in caseload levels.

Consent

The June 27 minutes were approved: motion by Nancy Young, second by Claudette Weston.

Strategic

- A. Adult Services: Diane Wimmer updated the Board about DSS receiving most new wards with mental health and developmental disability diagnoses. The board discussed the state's situation relative to the federal government identifying some NC adult care facilities as institutes of mental disease and the implications for DSS in the long run as more such individuals become DSS wards. Of specific concern was the lack of satisfactory placement options.
- B. Work First: Melinda Hartley informed the Board about conversations underway about the future strategic direction of the Work First Program, the declining program participation rates and the need to connect employment services to other program populations.
- C. Family Counseling: Vickie Wordern informed the board this unit has been accepted into the rigorous Cognitive Trauma Training Program. A discussion about the benefits of this training was held.
- D. The director brought the Board up to speed regarding the inter-related issues of automation, NCFAS, FAMIS, document management, automated mail processes and long term business model changes.

Action: (1) The board voted to elect Evelyn Terry as Chairperson and Nancy Young as Vice Chairperson: (motion by Claudette Weston and second by Nancy Young.)

(2) The board voted to change the start of meeting times to 8:30 a.m. (motion by Claudette Weston and second by Nancy Young.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.