

**Forsyth County Department of Social Services
Board of Social Services Minutes
November 25, 2013**

Call to Order at 11:35 a.m.

Present: Evelyn Terry, Chair, Claudette Weston, Walter Marshall, Nancy Young, Gloria Woods, Melinda Hartley, Joe Raymond, Kim Collie, Daphne Taylor, Ava Smith-Pegues

Absent: Dave Plyler

Information

Staff Introductions included: Tifney L. Alston, Lauren M. Hickman, Keshia C. Holmes, Linda "Gail" Stephenson, Iva R. Wright, Denise L. Campbell, Pamela L. McVicker, Brenda G. Denton, Amesha L. Moxley, Brandi Russell, David W. Williams, and Ellen R. Garvin.

There were no public comments.

The Director's Report included

- caseload increases in Food and Nutrition Services
- Adult Guardianship has 172 wards. Possibly as fallout from the mental health system we expect 450 new special assistance clients
- Discussion of the Chair's question of whether job related testing exists for DSS social workers and staff. There is currently no such testing as part of the recruitment process.

Consent

The October 28, 2013 Minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Weston, second by Ms. Young.

Action

The Director will frame a message for Board's review and approval at the December meeting concerning Medicaid conversion issues and the lack of a contingency plan.

Strategic

- Changes to the new Income Support process are frustrating for the workers.
- NCFast works well sometimes.
- Mrs. Weston attended the Adoption Celebration and Recruitment Event on November 12.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43am.