

Forsyth County Department of Social Services
Board Meeting
December 19, 2016

Board Members present: Evelyn Terry (Chair), Nancy Young (Vice Chair), Com. Dave Plyler, and Claudette Weston

Board members absent: Com. Walter Marshall

Others present: Debra Donahue (Director), Daphne Taylor (Assistant Director), Victor Isler (Family & Children's Director), Tan McDougal (Strategic Initiatives), Kim Collie (Asst. Division Director Income Support), Gloria Woods (County Attorney), Gail Anderson (Admin. Asst.),

Meeting called to order at 11:30 am

Recognition of Retiring Employees:

- Shirley Phelps-Central Records-started 11/1/1970- 46 years
- Sarah Talley- Licensed Clinical Supervisor started 5/21/1979- 37 Years
- Sarah Taylor- In-Home Aide Program Supervisor started 8/11/1980- 36 Years
- Lynn Linville- Sr. Social Worker started 10/22/1990-26 Years
- Tanya Hailey- Office Assistant started 8/1/2005 – 11 Years

New employees introduced:

From Income Support: Anita Miller, Tiffany Mitchell and Christina Williams

From Adult Division: Natalie Thompson

From Child Support: Aisha Smith and Felicia Brinson

From Business Office: Linda Daum

From Family and Children: Kandice Abraham-Carter

I. Consent

- A. Minutes from October- Minutes were presented motion made to approve seconded by Dave Plyler, passed by voice vote.

II. Director's Report- Debra Donahue

A. HR Vacancies

- i. Current Vacancies: 42
- ii. Vacancy rate remains between 8-10%

B. Budget-

- i. Statewide program changes that impact the DSS budget

1. Medicaid transportation and child care
 - a. Will be administered by DHHS.
 - b. DSS will continue to determine eligibility for program and services
 - c. DSS will see a reduction between 13-16 million
 - d. DHHS will pay vendors directly utilizing NCFAST and NCTRACKS.
 - ii. Consideration of this year's budget request
 1. Unfunded mandated
 2. Unchanged need for services
- III. Division updates
- A. Referred Social Service Board members to the reports for the division updates
 - B. Strategic Initiatives- Tanya McDougal
 - i. Report included recap of events for the year
 - ii. Day Care staff have moved to Smart Start. DSS is one of several agencies located at Smart Start to create a one stop for Child Care services.
- IV. Other Discussion
- A. Schedule for 2017 presented
 - i. Motion made by Claudette Weston to approve, seconded by Dave Plyler, passed by voice vote

Motion made to adjourn by Dave Plyler, seconded by Claudette Weston, voice vote approved.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will be January 23, 2017 at 11:30 am