

Minutes
Forsyth County Department of Social Services
May 28, 2008

8:30am Call to Order

In Attendance:

Florence Corpening, R. Michael Wells, Sr., Claudette Weston, Dave Plyler, Gloria Woods, Brenda Evans, Joe Raymond, Ava Smith-Pegues, Pat Read

Information

New staff Introductions included:

Linda S. Watson	In-Home Aide Unit #1
Susan K. Brooks-Moore	In-Home Aide Unit #2
Jacqueline K. Lofton	Child Support Unit D
Alice L. Lindsay-Shavers	In Home Aide Unit #1
LaQuetta Y. Hayes	Child Support Unit D
TeNisha D. Fields	In Home Aide Unit #1
Myrlena E. Amaya	FC Medicaid Clerical
Tajanika R. McDonald	FC Medicaid Clerical
Sherry S. Sams	Adult Medicaid #3
Sallie W. Bailey	In Home Aide Unit #1
Erica E. McFarlin	Child Support Unit A
Melissa R Neff	Family & Child Unit #6

Retiring staff:

Kay Albright, Senior Human Services Planner Evaluator, and Luther Hutson, Social Worker, Adult Medicaid, will retire effective May 30, 2008. The Director presented each with a DSS Certificate of Appreciation.

There were no public comments.

The Program Data Report reflected fewer children in Foster Care and a change in Foster Care payments. The contracted Child Support consultants will have their report ready in approximately 6 weeks.

Consent

The April minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Plyler, second by Mr. Wells.

Board Policy Compliance Report informed that:

- Customer Service, the April survey shows 99% of customers reported a wait time of less than 15 minutes
- Three of the seven new positions requested were eliminated from the County Manager's Continuation Budget, saving \$73,033 county dollars
- Of the \$32,074 budgeted for Assistance to the Blind, \$12,074 will be cut
- Foster home board rates will be reduced to engage the District Courts in order to eliminate Court orders for County to pay
- The Work First Participant Training budget may be reduced by \$175,000 allowing DSS to continue meeting TANF Maintenance of Effort requirements

Each Goal Team will present 2 Benchmarks to the Board at the June meeting.

The Board meeting went into Executive Session on a motion by Mr. Plyler, second by Mrs. Weston.

Strategic

The director informed the board that part of the requested budget cuts includes not spending \$310,000 for court ordered relative placements. The agency's plan is to phase out this spending for approximately 49 children. This plan is dependent on the agreement of the judges. The current county DSS budget also eliminates funding for 7 new positions, but will money from 4 of those positions will apparently be allowed to fund the agency's information technology plan.

Action

The Board Ethics Policy was approved on a motion by Mrs. Weston, second by Mr. Wells.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00am.