

Forsyth County Department of Social Services
Board Meeting
June 26, 2017

Board Members present: Evelyn Terry (Chair), Com. Dave Plyler, Com Fleming El-Amin and Claudette Weston.

Board Members absent: Nancy Young

Others present: Debra Donahue (Director), Michael LaDisa (Deputy Director), Victor Isler (Family & Children’s Director), Tiffany Lamarque (Asst. Division Director Income Support), Linda Daum (Business Officer), Tanya McDougal (Director of Strategic Initiatives), Gloria Woods (County Attorney), Phyllis Russell (Budget Office), Gail Anderson (Admin. Asst.)

Meeting called to order:

New Employee Introductions:

Adult: Cierra Clyburn, Amy Boger

Administration/Business Office: Jasmine Crawford, Barbara Cannito

Family and Children’s: Pierrette Jules, Belinda Gant, Eric Jones

Income Support: Tiwana Banks

I. Consent

- A. Minutes from May 22, 2017- Minutes were presented motion made to approve by Dave Plyler seconded by Fleming El-Amin, passed by voice vote.

Social Services Board Chair, Evelyn Terry, recommended that the board consider:

- 1. Exploring the financial impact of local funds on services provided by DSS
- 2. New ideas and strategies to align with new legislation that will impact day to day operations.

II. Director’s Report- Debra Donahue

- A. HR Vacancies
 - i. Current Vacancies: 36
- B. Cansler Group (Study for possible consolidation)
 - i. Cansler representative will present scope of work in the study approved by the Board of Commissioners at the next DSS Board meeting.
- C. Reviewed pending Legislation that affects DSS: HB630 (Child Welfare) and HB403 (Mental Health)
- D. Child Care for Forsyth County has been fully implemented into NCFast

- i. Dear County Director will be sent in the future to address increase demand for child care services
- ii. FCDSS spending coefficient at close of the fiscal year was 99.%
- iii. There are about 2000 children on the waitlist
- iv. Other Potential legislative consideration to
 - 1. CWS
 - 2. Medicaid
 - 3. Mental Health

III. Division updates

A. Adult Services- information included on report

B. Business Office- Linda Daum

- i. Present year close out June 30- no outstanding issues
- ii. Funds being pulled down from state (to be approved)
 - 1. \$153,000 for Crisis Intervention
 - 2. \$666,000 for Child Care Subsidies
- iii. Interpreter services
 - 1. Increasing interpreter services
 - 2. With bidding process complete Catholic Charities will provide
- iv. Budget
 - 1. Met Maintenance of Effort for State
 - 2. Budget for new year adopted
 - a. Conservative continuation without inflation
 - 3. 3 new positions (2-CPS , 1-APS)

C. Child Support – Michael Ladisa

- i. On target to met incentives for the year
- ii. Fatherhood Initiative event on Thursday, June 29 from 12-2, Flyer included with board packet

D. Family and Children’s –Victor Isler

- i. Board report not showing data outcome measures are changing and next month will reflect newly designed outcomes
- ii. Base line for adoptions was 20, FCDSS completed 37 this past year and are now able to access adoption promotion funds
 - 1. Funding can be issued for Child Welfare training, legal and promotions
 - 2. Funding will roll over if not used and be available for RFPs.

E. Income Support- please see report in packet

- F. **Program Integrity-** Tiffiany Lamarque
 - i. Have received the third store charge letter
 - ii. Store A investigation complete, Store B still ongoing.
- G. **Strategic Initiatives-** Tanya McDougal
 - i. Community Activities up
 - 1. United Health Ribbon Cutting
 - 2. Morningside Reynolds Park Neighborhood Groups

IV. Other Discussion-

- A. Recognition of Claudette Weston for the Angel Award she received.
- B. Recognition of Nancy Young for her service on the Board for the last six years.

Motion to Adjourn by Claudette Weston, seconded by Fleming El-Amin, vote to adjourn, meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be **July 24, 2017 at 11:30 am**