

Forsyth County Department of Social Services
Minutes
January 26, 2011

Present:

Claudette Weston, Chair, Dave Plyler, Walter Marshall, Florence Corpening, Lynn Davenport, Ryan Shuman, Diane Wimmer, Daphne Taylor, Joe Raymond, Ava Smith-Pegues, Tanya McDougal

Absent:

Michael Wells

Call to Order – 8:07am

Information

Staff Introductions:

Family & Children's Medicaid staff Nicole Armstrong, Matwaya Kellam, Amber Boyd, LaShonda Aycock, Kristen Loggins, Pam Byers

Adult Services introduced Jessica Brinkley as a new APS Social Worker.

There were no public comments.

The Director's Report included information on

- 2 specific threats to the Agency and therefore a need for surveillance cameras in the parking lots and a full-time security

Consent

- The November Minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Plyler, second by Mr. Walter. There was not a December Board meeting.
- The Emergency County Director Succession Plan has not been completed.
- Benchmark Report showed the DSS departure rate has lowered.

The Data Report showed:

- The number of children in DSS custody is down
- Child Support has experienced a high rate of growth

Strategic

The Food and Nutrition program:

- Increased by only 62 cases
- 14% of the Forsyth County population receives Food and Nutrition assistance

The Beacon project reports:

- The project is approximately 95% complete
- Food and Nutrition is in the final phase of user acceptance
- Staff training and system building are in a parallel process

Medicaid

- North Carolina anticipates 600 to 1.3 million more Medicaid recipients due to Health Care Reform
- DSS will no longer be the sole entity accepting Medicaid applications
- DSS will be required by law to conduct new community outreach for Medicaid applicants

Action

Budget

- DSS is not requesting new positions and expects to meet our goals with classification of some current positions.
- DSS will retain 2 pool positions and continue overtime as needed
- Motion to approve the retention of 7.5 FNS time limited positions through December 31, 2011 by Mr. Plyler, second by Mr. Marshall

The meeting adjourned at 9:13. Motion by Mr. Plyler, second by Mr. Marshall.