

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
September 18th, 2018**

The Board of Social Services for the Lee County Department of Social Services convened at 12:00 PM, in the Board of Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Board members present were Ophelia Livingston, Margaret Johnson, and Amy Dalrymple. Also, present was Ex-Officio member Angelina Noel.

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order and asked that the meeting begin with the reciting of the Serenity Prayer.

Chairperson Johnson then moved to the September agenda and asked if any changes were needed. Ms. Noel requested a change to add Shelter Information and Impact to DSS at the end of the agenda. A motion was made by Dr. Livingston to change item XI to Shelter Information and Impact to DSS and add Item XII Adjourn.

Aye: Dalrymple, Livingston, and Johnson

Nay: None

The board then considered changes to the August minutes. No changes being made, a motion was made by Dr. Livingston to accept as presented. Ms. Dalrymple seconded the motion.

Aye: Dalrymple, Livingston, and Johnson

Nay: None

PUBLIC COMMENT -None

NC FAST P4 NEW ROLLOUT OVERVIEW-Ms. Noel asked the board to look at the handout in their agenda packets. The handout addresses the information on the P4 rollout for Child Welfare going into NC FAST and the changes made to the plan based on how counties are setup. Paper based counties will go live November 26th, 2018 with intake and assessment only. Ms. Noel told the board she likes this roll out plan in stages as it will give the workers a feel for NC FAST. The second phase of implementation will be May 20, 2019 and will roll in new in home cases, new out of home cases and licensure. The following month we will be converting current foster care cases, adoption, LINKS and ICPC cases. Also new terminology is something that will change with NC FAST as it did with Economic Services. Ms. Noel also told the board that the Child Welfare staff are excited about this change to the rollout plan.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION-Ms. Noel gave the board information of the upcoming employee awards luncheon to those with 5 Years, 10 Years, 15 Years and 20 Years of Service to Lee County. Staff are recognized each year for their longevity to Lee County Social Services. The recipients this year are as follows: 5 year award going to Sophia Abarca, Michelle McCarrison, John White, Christy Messer and Candace Gust, 10 year award to Jacky Morin, 15 year award to Martha Montes and Diane Sauve and a 20 year award to Sherry Robbins. The National Association of Social Services also recognizes staff with years of service in DSS. This year we have staff that will be recognized; 20 years Sherry Robbins, 25 Years to Edward Mulnix, he also worked in Moore County, 30 years Brenda Walker and 35 Years Christy Terry.

2018-2019 NCDHHS/COUNTY MOA FACT SHEET-Ms. Noel, referred the board to their packets to the fact sheet sent out by DHHS to counties regarding the Memorandum of Agreement. Ms. Noel said this was an excellent document. DHHS prepared this document discussing every single measure in the MOU. They explained what the measures are, why the measures are in place, the statutes that surround the measures or the state policy that surrounds the measures. They also explained the rationale of why they selected these measures.

INITIAL PERFORMANCE DATA-Ms. Noel reviewed the pamphlet included in their packets by NCDHHS/County Memorandum of Agreement Performance Measure Data Methodology. The state has been working hard to give us data information. This is the first data information that has been able to populate, although the data information has not been validated at this time. There are some discrepancies between the data provided by NC DHHS and the information Ms. Noel has been collecting. She will be working with the supervisors over the programs to validate this data to resolve the discrepancies.

PERFORMANCE SCORE CARD-Ms. Noel, told the board this goes hand in hand with the Initial Performance Data she previously reviewed with them.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS- Shimela McEachin- Introduced herself and told the board that she had joined the Child Support Unit three weeks ago, coming from the South Carolina Department of Corrections as a caseworker.

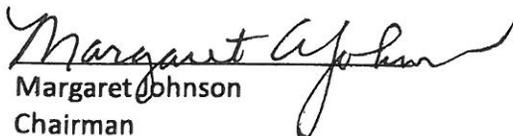
SHELTER INFORMATION AND IMPACT ON LEE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES- Ms. Noel presented to the board an update of the recent Shelter opening for the hurricane. On September 12th, a pre-event shelter was opened at 8 P.M. with staff arriving at 5:00 P.M. to setup. The staff at the school where phenomenal, especially Ms. Bridges. Ms. Noel also recognized the work of the SRO's with helping setup and take down cots, as well as help with residence issues. The shelter's highest number housed was 256 residents. Ms. Noel also recognized Linda Navarro, Jacky Sandusky and Ms. Bridges for putting a meal together to feed 300 people on Friday night from food donated by CUOC. The next stage is the waiting to see if Lee County will be declared for Individual Assistance for DSNAP.

With no further business to come before the board, Chairperson Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Livingston, and Johnson.

Nay: None

Chairperson Johnson ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned.


Margaret Johnson
Chairman


Melissa Lett
Secretary