

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
March 20, 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; David Riddle, Gail Dickens, Margaret Johnson, William Pickard, and Commissioner Amy Dalrymple. Also, present was Ex-Officio member Angelina Noel.

Chairperson Riddle called the meeting to order.

The Board considered changes to the March agenda. Chairperson Riddle recommended agenda item XII be changed to Discussion on Closed Sessions and changing adjournment to item XIII on the agenda. A motion was made by Member Pickard to accept and motion was seconded by Member Dickens.

Aye: Gail Dickens, David Riddle, Margaret Johnson, William Pickard, absent from the vote Amy Dalrymple
Nay: None

Chairperson Riddle ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered changes to the February minutes. No changes being made a motion was made by Member Riddle to accept.

Aye: Gail Dickens, David Riddle, Margaret Johnson, William Pickard, absent from the vote Amy Dalrymple
Nay: None

Chairperson Riddle ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT - No one signed up to speak during the Public Comments section of the meeting.

Medicaid Overpayments-Budget Bill-Medicaid Employee Certification Requirement, Ms. Noel, referred the board to their packets, two inserts; the first being Senate Budget Bill 257 and referenced them to the highlighted area "Section 11H.22.(f) Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read: A county department of social services shall be financially responsible for the erroneous issuance of Medicaid benefits and Medicaid claims payments resulting when the county department of social services takes any action that requires payment of Medicaid claims for an ineligible individual, for ineligible dates, or in an amount that includes a recipient's liability and for which the State cannot claim federal participation". Ms. Noel gave several case scenarios to the board which could result in being very costly to a county budget. Ms. Noel also explained in this bill that all eligibility staff will be required to be certified. The certification will last 3 years and they will then have to be recertified. In discussing Budget Bill 257, she made the board aware that the State had always had the option charge the county for Medicaid overpayments that were a result of county error. Ms. Noel informed the board that the bill was passed June 2017. The second handout she referred the board members to review was a DHHS letter dated February 26, 2018 concerning Medicaid and N.C. Health Choice Overpayment and Recoupment. Ms. Noel explained to the board that as a result of this change,

Christie Terry, IMS Adult Medicaid, and Billy Henderson, Lead IMC III Adult Medicaid, are 100% reviewing applications for Adult Medicaid. Large counties have teams that review cases. State has gotten away from providing quality assurance and technical assistance. Ms. Noel told the board that in the budget presentation she would discuss a Quality Assurance position and the reason for this position is being requested due to these changes. Ms. Noel mentioned how costly this could be to the county if an error/mistake is made and monies are to be paid back if it is an agency error. The Quality Assurance position would conduct second party reviews. (Board Member Dalrymple joined the meeting at this time.)

I-VE/MAC/Gap Audit Results-Ms. Noel presented the audit results as Maggie Johnson, Foster Care Supervisor, was unable to attend as she was in court. The IV-E audit had one finding and was due to a worker coding IV-E prior to the 7 day hearing requirement.

Fiscal Monitoring Results- Ms. Noel, introduced Sabrina Franklin, Fiscal Supervisor. Ms. Franklin presented the audit findings from the Fiscal Monitoring which came from items being coded wrong and having to correct the coding to the ADP CODE once the ADP plan was filed. There was no cost to the county as a result of the incorrect recoding.

FY19 Initial Budget Proposal- Ms. Franklin presented the first draft of the 2018-2019 budget as was presented to the county manager. In this first draft it currently contains a 2.0% COLA. A new Social Work IA&T position has been requested to meet state caseload standards which for the investigators is no more than 10 cases per worker. There are a lot of policy changes coming as well and new policy will increase the visits the social worker must make with the families depending on the risk level. Another position requested is the IMS/Staff Development Specialist I. This position would assist current supervisors with second party reviews and would help to increase accuracy rates. This position would also be given the CIP/LIEAP program and staff. The current Food and Nutrition Supervisor is currently working comp time to meet the demands of that unit. Ms. Franklin gave a detailed review of the budget line item by line item and she and Ms. Noel answered questions pertaining to the budget from board members.

Performance Score Card-Ms. Noel reviewed the score card with the board and updated them on the most recent data available for CPS, Foster Care, Child Support and Economic Services. She did explain that in Child Support goals are set high and they do very well. These goals are based on prior year performance. She then went over Economic Services and how well they do to meet timeliness.

New Employee Introductions-The new staff attorney, Brian Godfrey has started work, however he is not available today to meet the board as he is in court. Ms. Noel said with Child Welfare court being on Tuesday, it makes it more difficult for him and others in that unit to attend.

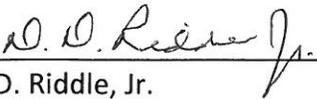
Discussion of Closed Session -Chairperson Riddle asked if minutes were kept on closed session meetings. Secretary to the Board, Melissa Lett said that this was being done.

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

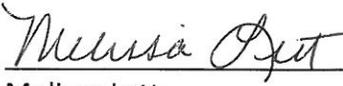
Aye: Gail Dickens, David Riddle, Margaret Johnson, William Pickard and Amy Dalrymple.

Nay: None

Chairperson Riddle ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously, prior to the adjournment, he asked that since the meeting did not open with the Serenity Prayer that the meeting close with the prayer then the meeting was adjourned.



D.D. Riddle, Jr.
Chairman



Melissa Lett
Secretary