LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
May 16th, 2017

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, Paul Utley, Gail Dickens and Commissioner Amy Dalrymple and absent Ophelia Livingston. Also present was Ex-Officio member Brenda Potts.

Chairperson Riddle called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the serenity prayer.

The Board considered changes to the May agenda. No changes being made a motion was made by member Utley to accept.

Aye: Paul Utley, David Riddle, and Gail Dickens, (Absent from the vote Amy Darlymple and Ophelia Livingston)

Nay: None

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

Aye: Paul Utley, David Riddle, and Gail Dickens, (Absent from the vote Amy Darlymple and Ophelia Livingston).

Nay: None

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

The meeting was turned over to DSS Director Brenda Potts.

NEW BUSINESS

CHILD WELFARE MONITORING (In-Home) Tammy Yarborough, CPS In-Home Supervisor presented to the board an update on the recent review follow up from the State Audit conducted last spring in the Investigative and Assessment. The percentage from this went up from 65% to 95% in the documentation. The auditors wanted more detail such as when you speak with a child that you name each child and what they offer. In the next few months purchased I-pads will help the social workers with their documentation. IT is developing an agreement that each worker will sign regarding use, safety and responsibility with the IPad. The IPads can be used in the client's home or interview site. NC FAST will be implemented in Child Welfare in the upcoming months so the IPads will be even more beneficial. The In Home Unit did very well on their review as they learned from last year's CPS review what it being required by the auditors. Auditors noticed several strengths in our records. Also our staff turn-over rate is around 12% and that is due to 1 retired and 1 transitioned to another unit.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION-Ms. Potts asked the board to look at the insert in their packets on House Bill Updates. Ms. Potts went over them with the board.

HB243-Strengthen opioid misuse prevention.

HB238 Support for Older Adults and DHHS Study, make changes to the adult care home and nursing home advisory committees, work with community living rules.

HB362 Changes to the Juvenile Code. –Essentially this is a cleanup bill.

HB 386 Intensive Family preservation services funds-Appropriate Funds for Intensive Family Preservation Services.

HB 403 LME/MCO Claims Reporting/Mental Health AMDTS is a single nationally standardized electronic format.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Ms. Potts went over with the board, the current FNS vacancy, which is now filled.

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: Amy Dalrymple, David Riddle, Gail Dickens and Paul Utley (Absent from the vote Ophelia Livingston)

Nay: None

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

D. U. Riddle Jr.
Chairman

Melissa K. Scott
Secretary