

LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
December 15th, 2015

The Board of Social Services for the Lee County Department of Social Services convened at 12:00 noon, in the Board of Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Board members present were Paul Utley, Vice-Chair Gail Dickens, and Commissioner Amy Dalrymple. Also present was Ex-Officio member Brenda Potts.

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

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

Aye: Gail Dickens, Paul Utley, and Amy Dalrymple.

Nay: None

(Ophelia Livingston and David Riddle absent from meeting)

The Board considered changes to the November minutes. No changes were made.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Paul Utley and Amy Dalrymple.

Nay: None

(Ophelia Livingston and David Riddle absent from meeting)

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- Mrs. Potts, as previously discussed the Accounting Specialist position has been reclassified to an Accounting Specialist II and the position has been posted. The position was reclassified from a 67 to a 69. As indicated with Margaret leaving in January, the main concern will be pulling in the revenues for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Preparations and training are occurring due to the waiver being lifted for Food Stamp Able bodied Adults Without Dependents policy. For several years the state has been under a waiver for this policy. The state requested this waiver in a way to reduce our error rate and this worked. The policy applies to households that do not have children under the age of 18, which are included in their Food Stamp Assistance Unit. The policy requires household member age 18-49 that do not meet one of the policy exemptions to be limited to receiving Food Stamp benefits for only 3 months, during a 36 month period

which runs from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018. Only 23 counties in the state are being required to implement the program effective January 1, 2016 and the remaining counties across the state will begin based on the state determined schedule, but all 100 counties must implement this policy by July 1, 2016. Lee County is not included in the first 23 counties and the state has not yet informed the remaining counties when they will have to implement the policy within their counties. Lee County has 5,524 active Food and Nutrition cases, and there is no current report available for counties that are not starting implementation January 1, 2016 to identify the number of potential ABAWD's that will be affected by this policy.

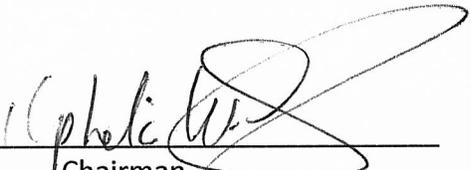
DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Mrs. Potts, updated the board on the SW Supervisor III position that would be vacant December 31, 2015 due to retirement of the current supervisor. The position has been filled.

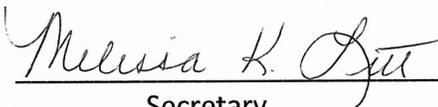
With no further business to come before the Board Member Dalrymple moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Utley. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Gail Dickens, Paul Utley, and Amy Dalrymple

Nay: None

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


Chairman


Secretary