

LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
February 16th, 2016

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

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

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

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

Nay: None

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

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

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-

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF--Ms. Potts introduced to the board the new members to the management staff, Takishia McMiller, SW Supervisor comes to Lee County from Harnett County Children's Services with many years of service in Children's Services, she comes to us with training skills as two of our current staff were trained by her in Harnett County. Takishia replaces Lisa Shearer who recently retired. Tereather Sutton, Child Support Supervisor, came to Lee County several years ago from Chatham County and has over 18 years of Child Support background as a background in Mediation with Deep River Mediation. Tereather replaces Robyn Henningsen who recently retired. Also new to the management team is Jane Long, who accepted the Accounting Specialist II position upon Margaret Faircloth resignation to take a position with the state.

ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE OF NC HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES-Ms. Potts discussed with the board the recent presentation that the Lee County Board of Commissioners recently received on the Consolidation of Human Services Agencies. Ms. Potts presented the board with the package that the commissioners were provided. The presentation included a map of NC with the different counties option being color coded. The board was able to see what options other counties had taken. There are three options; Stay the same, Options under "old" laws and Options under new law (H 438). Counties were trying to save money, however with DSS and the tracking that has to be done for audit purposes, Lisa Minter would have to develop a plan to show how this money is being tracked, if the commissioner's decided to consolidate services. DSS does day sheets to account for the time and how it is drawn down. The county would have to be careful with the Indirect Cost Plan and it would be a time keeping nightmare. On the Human Resource side the county follows OSP policy so that wouldn't change unless wanted to combine the HR of the Health and Social Services. Mr. Riddle asked why trying to fix something that's not broken.

BOARD POSITION-Mr. Riddle's board position will end June 30, 2016. We will be advertising for this position to be filled.

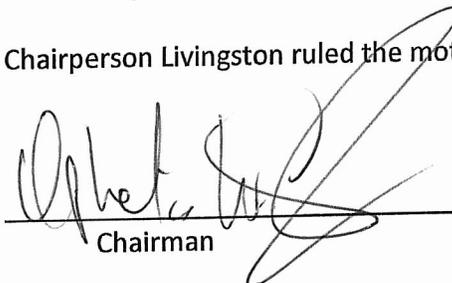
DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Ms. Potts updated the board on Child Care transition to NC FAST.

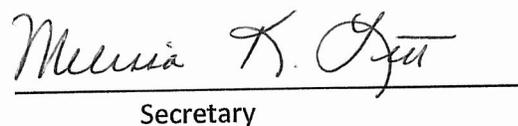
With no further business to come before the Board Member Riddle moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Dickens. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

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


Chairman


Secretary