

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
BOARD MEETING  
February 21st, 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, Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley and Gail Dickens absent from the meeting was, Amy Dalrymple Also, present was Ex-Officio member Brenda Potts.

Chair Riddle 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 Utley to accept.

Aye: David Riddle, Ophelia Livingston, Gail Dickens, Paul Utley absent from the voting Amy Dalrymple

Nay: None

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

Aye: David Riddle, Ophelia Livingston, Gail Dickens, Paul Utley absent from the voting Amy Dalrymple

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.

**COMMUNITY ISSUES RELATED TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES-TAMMY YARBOROUGH, IN-HOME CHILDREN'S SERVICES SUPERVISOR.** Tammy brought to the board the results of the state Child Services' audit and to discuss our plans to develop a program improvement plan. Ms. Yarborough discussed their plans to develop a local minimum standards of care, screening tools and age requirements to ensure standardization. Tammy asked the board for input concerning trends in the county, what they are hearing are the needs in the community. Once a plan has been developed she would bring back the final proposal and present to the board to adopt.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT-** Ms. Potts informed the board about a Homeless Summit, to discuss the needs in the county for the homeless, since the Simmons Building on Wall Street had been shut down. The flyer for the Summit was passed on to the board. Ms. Potts also discussed that the Human Services consolidation has been brought up for discussion again and would likely be discussed with the County Commissioners in the near future. There are different options that the county can take in making this consolidation. (1) Board of Commissioners assume board powers & duties and the two agencies remain separate, (2) Board of Commissioner's creates a consolidated human services agency and appoints a consolidated Human Services' board (3) Board of Commissioner's creates a consolidated human services and the BOCC assumes the powers & the duties of that board and the Health and Social Services agencies are consolidated .

**CLOSED SESSION** - Board Member Utley moved for the Board to go into closed session to consider a personnel matter per N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6);

Mr. Riddle seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, Paul Utley, Commissioner Dalrymple, Gail Dickens

Nay: None

Chairperson Riddle ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the Board was in closed session.

Motion to come out of closed session made my member Paul Utley and seconded by Livingston.

Upon returning from closed session, the regular meeting resumed with members Livingston, Dickens, Utley, Riddle and Dalrymple present.

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

Aye: David Riddle, Ophelia Livingston, Gail Dickens, Paul Utley, Amy Dalrymple

Nay: None

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

  
Chairperson

  
Secretary