

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING**

January 21, 2014

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 Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley, David Riddle, Gail Dickens and Commissioner Charles Parks. 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 January agenda. With no changes made, the agenda was approved as presented.

The Board considered changes to the December Minutes. With no changes made, the Minutes were approved as presented.

The meeting was turned over to DSS Director Brenda Potts.

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

NEW BUSINESS-

NC Fast Update-Notification of hard launch has been postponed for Medicaid and Work First which was to begin on Tuesday, January 21st. However the MAGI rules are in effect as of January 1, 2014 and MAGI (Modified Adjusted Gross Income) can only be keyed in NCFAST as EIS is not capable of supporting the policy/rules for MAGI. MAGI is a budgeting methodology used to determine who to include in each person's income standard or Eligibility Determination Group and how to count income. All efforts are being placed on FNS at this time.

Reports are being sent to all DSS Directors today concerning the FNS pending applications and re-certifications. The USDA Corrective Action Plan was sent on December 23, 2013, the plan concerned the untimely processing of FNS applications and re-certifications for the state. The hope is that the plan will help improve the state's standing with regards to productivity significantly by the end of February. The plan has not been formally approved by the USDA, but it seems that they are on board with the plan. NC FAST will hold off on any updates that are not critical and absolutely necessary to prevent severe slow-downs until the end of February to allow FNS staff to catch up and not deal with slowness issues that can negatively affect county productivity. 75% Medicaid Reimbursement for work done in NC FAST has been approved. Right now this is only for the Children's Medicaid cases. Alternatives are also being looked at concerning what hard launch will include for the counties. They are considering ideas such as restructuring and not rolling out all programs at once. Family and Children's Medicaid will have to proceed since EIS cannot support the new MAGI rule set. As of today an extension has been requested on MAGI cases. This will weigh heavily on how the hard launch schedule looks. If the extension is not granted the counties that were originally schedule to hard launch in January would be moved into the remaining 2 hard launch dates along with the other counties that were already scheduled for those launch dates, February 17 and March 17.

Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation-All (3) vendors were required to provide the following information prior to contract signing:

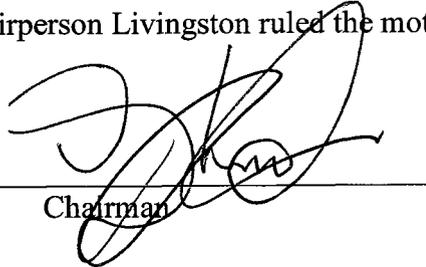
- *Carry sufficient insurance on vehicles
- *Ensure all drivers are properly licensed
- *Ensure all vehicles used to transport clients have valid State registration
- *Participate in random drug and alcohol testing programs on drivers
- *Perform criminal background checks on drivers
- *Perform driving record checks

COLTS and Fleming have provided all information, however Woolford House has not , therefore when the board meets tonight only two contracts will be submitted. Woolford House will have to be submitted at a later date once all information is provided.

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

Aye: All
Nay: None

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



Chairman



Secretary