

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
BOARD MEETING  
January 17, 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 January 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 December 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.

**LEE COUNTY RUNAWAY POLICY**-Ms. Potts introduced Maggie Johnson, Foster Care Supervisor to go over the Lee County Social Services Agency Plan for Abducted or Runaway Foster Children. Maggie went over the policy in summary explaining that Section I, a-I is based on State Policy to know where kids are. Sections II- Runaway Child/missing-Foster Parents develop life books on the child which contains updated pictures and information that would help law enforcement locate the child. She also said that the CPS alert system would be a resource used to get out the information. The state is requiring all counties to have a similar plan in place. Ms. Potts asked the board for a motion to accept this Plan for Abducted or Runaway Foster Children. Chairperson Riddle asked the board for a motion to accept the Plan with a correction of the spelling out of GAL. (Guardian ad Litem) Member Livingston made the motion to accept with correction.

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

**ADOPTION FUNDING AUDIT**-Maggie also went over the recent Foster Care Audit results, there were 5 cases from each SSBG and IV-E audited and all passed. One error found which gave the agency money. Another audit will be at the end of July 2017, and a pre-audit at the end of March. The board thanked her for the audit results and the good work.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**-Ms. Potts went over the Childcare Pilot which will go into effect in five counties in February, four other counties will follow thereafter. Angelina got the pilot started and Edward has been helping Edward since he moved into the position. In March the state will be doing checks. This will help finance in not having to do these any longer. The Childcare line item has plenty of money however the Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation line item not going well since only half the year had been budgeted. It was thought that Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation would be further along, but the contracting with the vendors has been different in counties. Angelina and Lesa have a meeting Friday, COLTS should be fine.

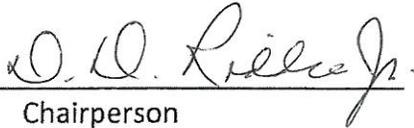
On a conference call today the energy program will be next into the NC FAST system. And on another subject, Ms. Potts made the board aware that she was considering retirement in the very near future.

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 absent from the voting Amy Dalrymple

Nay: None

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

  
Chairperson

  
Secretary