

LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
May 19th, 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 Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, Gail Dickens, Paul Utley, Commissioner Amy Dalrymple. 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 May agenda. With no changes being made a motion was made by Member Utley to approve the minutes.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle and Paul Utley (Ms. Dalrymple was absent from the vote)

Nay: None

The Board considered changes to the April Minutes. With no changes being made a motion was made by Member Dickens to approve the minutes.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle and Paul Utley (Ms. Dalrymple was absent from the vote)

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- Ms. Potts introduced Sabrina Coleman, Food and Nutrition Supervisor, Ms. Coleman came before the board for a Motion to Approve the Energy Programs Outreach Plan for 2015-2016, the programs are the same as the previous year.

Motion to approve the Energy Programs Outreach Plan for 2015-2016 was made by David Riddle.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle and Paul Utley (Ms. Dalrymple was absent from the vote)

Ms. Potts introduced Angelina Noel, Ms. Noel came before the board for a Motion to Approve the Benefit Diversion Program, she reminded the board as in the previous year that this is a one time lump sum payment, the client could be in a crisis and this check could divert them from public assistance.

Motion to approve to continue the offering of the Benefit Diversion Program was made by David Riddle.

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

Nay: None

Ms. Potts discussed the Energy Contracts over \$20,000 with the board, she informed the board that these are pass thru monies and that the Board of Commissioner's must approve all contracts \$20,000 and over. There are about five vendors that are expected to exceed the \$20,000 threshold where the County Manager cannot sign. The funds that cover the cost of these energy payments are in the 2015/2016 budget that the Commissioners will approve in June and are part of the state estimates.

Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Contracts, also will go before the commissioner's at their next meeting, COLTS is primary, with one change from the previous year contract and that would be \$1.90 for less than 1 mile trips. This could make a shift if the taxi is a cheaper method for these trips. Again, COLTS does not run on weekends or holidays, so we had to locate a third source of transportation for the clients that require a lift van or where a taxi is not appropriate. After checking around other counties, Ms. Lesa Price made contact with Right Transportation, who has been serving Harnett County for 4 years now. The company is out of Cumberland County with a substation for Vans in Harnett County. Lesa Price, the Adult Services Supervisor has been meeting with them to obtain the information required to determine if they meet all the requirement of the state contract. There should be no difficulties as Harnett has been using them to supplement their HARTS transportation. Funds to cover this expense are in the 2015/2016 Lee County budget.

Ms. Potts gave an update on the 2015-2016 budget. A budget meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2015 at this time. Mr. Crumpton presented the budget to the commissioner's on May 18th, 2015 and it is slated to be completed on June 15, 2015

Ms. Potts gave an update on NC FAST; Child Welfare had been scheduled for earlier rollout but it appears they have been moved back and making Child Care and Energy Programs as the next step into NC FAST.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-In the past week Social Services has moved all offices located on the 3rd floor to the 1st floor, previously occupied by the Health Department. The Health Department has moved to the 3rd floor. With this move Social Services is located on the 1st floor and the 4th floor. A vacant position in Adult Medicaid remains open with interviews on going. The flow charts requested by the county manager have been completed and a copy will be available after this meeting if you would like to look over.

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

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

Nay: None

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


Chairman


Secretary