

Forsyth County Department of Social Services
Board Meeting
May 22, 2017

Board Members present: Evelyn Terry (Chair), Nancy Young (Vice Chair), Com. Dave Plyler and Claudette Weston.

Board Members absent: Fleming El-Amin

Others present: Debra Donahue (Director), Michael LaDisa (Deputy Director), Victor Isler (Family & Children’s Director), , Kim Collie (Asst. Division Director Income Support), Tiffany Lamarque (Asst. Division Director Income Support), Linda Daum (Business Officer), Gloria Woods (County Attorney), Phyllis Russell (Budget Office), Gail Anderson (Admin. Asst.)

Meeting called to order:

New Employee Introductions:

Adult: Joanne Otuonye

Child Support: Ebony Rivers and Aprille Belvin

Family and Children’s: Whitney McCollum, Patricia Ward, Vania Costner

Income Support: Tanaya White-Lee, Rachelle Bryan, Wylinda Curtis, Mellody Hunter, Deanna Williams

I. Consent

- A. Minutes from April 24, 2017- Minutes were presented motion made to approve by Claudette Weston seconded by Dave Plyler, passed by voice vote.

II. Director’s Report- Debra Donahue

- A. HR Vacancies
 - i. Current Vacancies: 30
- B. Pending Legislation that affects DSS
 - i. Elimination of Social Services Block Grants and Energy Assistance at Federal Level
 - ii. FNS services potential reduction : 5,078 individuals will loose benefits of the 5,078: 2,239 are children
 - iii. Regionalization of Child Welfare
 - iv. Elimination of the Affordable Care Act
- C. Mental Health concerns
 - i. Forsyth County has 137 people awaiting DD services
 - ii. Address patient stabilization
 - 1. Impact this will have on FCDSS

- D. Partnerships: United Health Center's Open House: DSS provided on site services for the event
- E. WIC Partnership: increase access to DSS customers

III. Division updates

A. Adult Services-

- i. Information provided in board report

B. Business Office- Linda Daum

- 1. Budget process in progress

C. Child Support – Michael Ladisa

- i. Continuing to show progress in measures

D. Family and Children's –Victor Isler

- i. Youth in Transition- redesigning how done in Forsyth County working with partners and lead agencies to support and achieve sustainability.
- ii. With additional In home cases hav been able to increase cases being handled
- iii. LINKS Celebration
- iv. Continuing work with One Congregation/One Child Program
- v. Advocating with Cardinal in regards to foster home approval process
- vi. Continuing to show improvements in adoption and reunification with additional attorney. Projecting within the

E. Income Support-Kim Collie

- i. Child Care-Move into NC Fast in June
- ii. Collaboration with Public Health's WIC Program
 - 1. Staff from Public Health housed in Customer Care to refer to apply for WIC here and get process initiated,

F. Program Integrity- Tiffany Lamarque

- i. Have 694 act investigations which could result in potential revenues for the County of \$232,396
- ii. Conducted 210 interviews out of the 694 active investigations
- iii. 125 Hearings to disqualify customers who have misused their benefits

G. Strategic Initiatives

- i. Board Report shows highlights from the last month.

IV. Other Discussion-No further discussions

Motion to Adjourn by Nancy Young Claudette seconded, vote to adjourn.

Next meeting will be **June 26, 2017 at 11:30 am**