

Forsyth County Department of Social Services Board Minutes
May 26, 2010

Call to order given at 8:00 am

Present:

Florence Corpening, Chair, Joe Raymond, Brenda Evans, Pat Read, Melinda Hartley, Ava Smith-Pegues, Walter Marshall, Dave Plyler, Claudette Weston

Absent:

Michael Wells

Information

New staff introductions:

TEAM Division - Erin Hanna, Melody Leggeman, Kimberley Danch

Adult Division - Candice Burris and Sallie Bailey

Family and Children - Cheryl Gatewood

Retiring

Luzelle Perkins retires May 30 after 30 years with DSS

There were no public comments.

The Director's Report included that

- Family and Children's Medicaid active cases increased by 5% since April 2009
- Adult Medicaid active cases increased by 16% since April 2009
- WorkFirst Family Assistance caseloads have fallen 21% since the implementation of Work First Benefits program in October 2009
- Regarding taxpayer and customer treatment that the Food and Nutrition Program and Medicaid Programs continue to experience significant growth. Continued requests for overtime will be needed for these programs.
- Work First Cash Assistance caseloads are declining most likely in response to the state's pay for performance policy.
- Child Day Care "temporary" vouchers have been extended through June 30, 2010 positively affecting approximately 350 children HOWEVER the effect of this state decision may negatively affect next fiscal year's services

Consent

The March Minutes were approved on a motion by Dave Plyler, second by Claudette Weston.

There was not a meeting in April.

The Director noted in the Board Policy report regarding taxpayer and customer treatment that the Food and Nutrition Program and Medicaid Programs continue to experience significant growth. Continued requests for overtime will be needed for these programs.

Strategic

Ms. Corpening thanked Mr. Wells for presenting an overview of DSS services to the County Commissioners at the April Briefing.

The Director reported there was not a budget increase from last year's request.

Beacon assessment testing is scheduled for June 15 with a mid August target for implementation in the Food and Nutrition program.

Action

Claudette Weston was approved as new Board Chair for the new fiscal year. Motion by Dave Plyler, second by Walter Marshall.

The meeting adjourned at 900am.