

**Forsyth County Board of Social Services
Minutes
October 24, 2007**

Present: Claudette Weston Brenda Evans Joe Raymond
 Walter Marshall Gloria Woods Florence Corpening
 R. Michael Wells, Sr. Dave Plyler Ava Smith-Pegues

The Call to Order was given by Florence Corpening, Chair.

Information

The following new staff was introduced: Latanya Cole, Audreana Smith, Elizabeth Pollard and Denise Blair.

The Director acknowledged the Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) receiving the Best Practices Award at the Social Services Institute (SSI) Conference on October 12 in Hickory, NC. The team was represented by Krista Kindley, RAPP Coordinator, her supervisor Sylvia Conrad, Evelyn Hardy, Adoptions Unit Supervisor, and Tanya McDougal, Family and Children's Division Director.

Service Awards were also presented at the SSI Conference. DSS staff receiving awards were introduced and thanked for their ears of service. These individuals:

Carol G. Ross	35	Regina S. Thomas	30
Anita H. Sikes	30	Susan Gay Darr	25
Margie Paulette Worthy	25	Robert P. Lawrence	20
Bernice Harrison	20	Nonnie G. Jackson	20
Barbara K. Page	20		

There were no public comments.

Miscellaneous Director's Report

The Director reported on an unannounced visit by the Board of Elections General Counsel and his assistant on Friday, October 12. They met with the Assistant Director who called in Shirley Phelps, Central Records supervisor, to discuss the voter registration forms used in the Food and Nutrition Department.

Consent

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

The Board Policy Compliance Report included informing the board that the Director plans to meet with District Attorney Tom Keith and County Attorney Davida Martin on October 30 to discuss Interstate Child Support issues.

Action

The Director plans to seek approval at the October 30th meeting to contract an attorney for Interstate Child Support collections.

Strategic

The Director plans to seek approval at the October 30th meeting to contract an attorney for Interstate Child Support case work. Mr. Wells suggested seeking assistance from the legal community to assist with possible legislation to clarify the law regarding legal representation for these cases. The Director may ask the Board at the November meeting in a resolution for formal support of the Interstate Child Support issue. Next steps will be

The Director explained where the data is relative to targets in the Benchmark Report review.

The Director and Assistant Director reported on overall program growth, customer service and the last year's capital request (currently being discussed by the county commissioners). This request included:

- Expanding 1st floor lobby
- Moving Child Support to 2nd floor
- Additional room for Client Intake to eliminate the Food and Nutrition interviews from continuing to be conducted in groups
- Providing handicapped accommodations on 1st floor for all programs
- Capacity for larger meeting space for staff
- Possible additional space for attorney's area

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am on a motion from Dave Plyler, seconded by Mike Wells.