

Forsyth County Department of Social Services
Minutes
June 22, 2011

Present: Claudette Weston, Chair, Florence Corpening, Walter Marshall, Joe Raymond, Pat Read, Gloria Woods, R. Michael Wells, Ava Smith-Pegues

Absent: Dave Plyler

Call to Order was given at 8:10am

Information

Staff Introductions included Hugh Blalock in IT Services and Megan Romesburg in Child Support Collections. Barbara Bales will retire from Workfirst Employment Services in the TEAM Division after 40 years of service to the agency.

There were no public comments.

The Director's Report included:

- Child Protective Services has several challenging cases develop during the month
- Food and Nutrition now services 24, 000 households
- Average Food and Nutrition caseload per worker is 875
- Adult Medicaid has increased by over 250 cases from last month
- Child Support Collections cases total more than 16,000
- The Daycare waiting list has decreased resulting from the job market decline
- The Youth in Transition program received \$600,000 in funding from the Duke Endowment

Consent

The Minutes from the May meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Wells, second by Ms. Corpening.

Strategic

Automation Update

- The Beacon Software program went to pilot in May involving 6 of the 28 Food and Nutrition caseworkers
- Beacon software functionality is operating well
- Issues presented were areas of mail room scanning (barcodes) and exporting information from the current program to FAMIS
- Challenges continue to present for network capacity and speed
- MIS is assisting to determine if problems stem from web browser or PC settings

Budget

- The County budget was approved with:
 - No furlough days for county employees
 - Merit Pay was is limited to around 1%
 - Longevity Pay reduced to no more than 66%
 - Pool positions were retained

Legislative

- The DSS Consolidation Bill which passed the House Committee has been postponed

Program

- The Jobboost program has received \$268,000 in funding from the Federal Government
- Four percent of the More at Four program funding is designated towards administrative costs

The Director along with members of the Executive Staff acknowledged Claudette Weston and Florence Corpening for their dedicated service to the agency and the County. Both completed 6 year terms on the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00am. Motion by Ms. Corpening, second by Mr. Wells.