

Buncombe County Social Services Board Meeting

June 22, 2012

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The Buncombe County Department of Social Services Board met for its regular meeting on June 22, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. In attendance were DSS Board Members Bill McElrath, Chair; David McClain, Vice-Chair; Travis Durham, and L.C. Ray as well as Mandy Stone, DSS Director. Board member Susanne Swanger could not attend. In attendance were Buncombe County HSST staff: Jim Holland, Lisa Eby, Rich Munger, Julie Montaneo, Karen Smith, Christina McEntee and Rob Morrell. DSS staff present were Angie Pittman, Patricia Wallin, Kellie Buckner, Jennifer Chilton, Suzanne Smith, Marty Phillips, Micky Corn, Amy Davis, Rachel Arends, Maddie Serpa, Melissa Burton-Moore, Gina Jones, Rasheeda Daniels, Tara Foster and Christa Lance. Sharon West with the VA Medical Center was in attendance. Commissioner Carol Peterson was in attendance. Jerry Rice was also in attendance

MEETING TO ORDER

Bill McElrath, DSS Board Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board reviewed the June 22, 2012 Board agenda and the minutes from the May 25, 2012 meetings.
- The Chairman asked if any Board member had any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the Board and none were stated.
- The Chairman asked to amend the agenda and put between 3 and 4 to do staff recognition. Board Member LC Ray motioned that the June 22, 2012 agenda be adopted with amendment. Board Member Travis Durham seconded the motion and it was unanimous in approval. Board Member LC Ray motioned that the May 25, 2012 minutes be adopted as presented and Board Member Travis Durham seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval. A copy of the May 25, 2012 minutes, and June 22, 2012 agenda are attached and made a part of these minutes.

- Angie Pittman introduced Melissa Burton-Moore, Maddie Serpa, Rachel Arends, Gina Jones, Rasheeda McDaniels, Tara Foster, Tammy Shook, Suzanne Smith. As Angie explained these workers were instrumental in providing 24/7 support while arranging an appropriate placement for a medically fragile child.

FISCAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES REPORTS

- Jim Holland provided a YTD budget update for FY12.
- Jim Holland presented an update on the proposed FY 13 Budget. A copy of the budget report and the Human Resources report are attached and made a part of these minutes.

FY13 BUDGET PROJECTIONS FROM PROGRAMMATIC/ORGANIZATIONAL/COMMUNITY PERSPECTION

- Jim Holland presented a PowerPoint on the year to date budget.
- Angie Pittman:
 - CPS Investigations:
 - Added 4-5 cases per caseload over the last fiscal year continues to grow. Increased complexity of cases with medical issues we are strategically partnering with Mission Hospital for a Pediatric forensic nurse and an assessment center model to support the medical home.
 - Improved coordination between school nurses and CPS investigators to support high risk children. Continued focus on front loading services in Investigations..
 - Family In-Home:
 - Anticipated policy changes based on State IV-E Audit.

- Strategically working to ensure that vulnerable families do not fall through the cracks as in-home funding is reduced.
- Prevention:
 - Building ability to step families down to Prevention either from Investigations or Family In-Home.
- Foster Care:
 - 219 children in care which is staying steady.
- Adult Services:
 - SSBG funding still pending federal budget decision; these are the only dollars that support Adult Protective Services. Guardianship.
 - Change in State law will transition all wards from mental health to DSS for guardianship; additional funds will come to serve existing wards but not new wards.
- Patricia Wallin presented on Child Care and Subsidy and Medicaid:
 - For Child Care Subsidy we are expecting less than the 8.9% cut originally identified—staying at 4% admin funding.
 - Medicaid Division Updates- NC Fast Pilot for Medicaid expected to roll-out March 2013—Food and Nutrition Services team is laying the ground work to ensure a smooth transition for Medicaid.
- Micky Corn presented on Medicaid Transportation:
 - Buncombe provides on average 6900 trips per month. An increase of 12.4%. New requirement to verify each trip made to the medical provider proving that the client receives a covered Medicaid service in order to submit to the State for reimbursement.

NC FAST IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

- Mandy Stone provided the historical NC FAST program. Marty Phillips and Kellie Buckner presented A PowerPoint detailing the planning and implementation stages of the pilot.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES HIGHLIGHTS

- The PAR report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- Mandy Stone did not present a Director's report.

CHAIRS REPORT AND ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson McElrath presented to board member Rev. L.C. Ray a plaque for his service on the DSS Board. Chairperson McElrath explained to the Board that a motion from Board to elect Sharon West as the new Board Member to replace Rev. Ray needed to be made. Bill made the recommendation and Dr. McClain seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval. Chairperson McElrath then advised he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Board member Travis Durham moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:24p.m. Board member L. C. Ray seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in approval.

Minutes read and approved this ____ day of _____, 2012.

DSS BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Amanda L. Stone
Executive Secretary to the Board