

The Buncombe County Department of Social Services Board for the Integrated Board meeting on August 24, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. In attendance were DSS Board Members Bill McElrath, Chair; David McClain, Vice-Chair; Susanne Swanger and Sharon West as well as Mandy Stone, DSS Director. In attendance were Health Board members L.C. Ray, Carol Peterson, Richard Oliver, and Suzanne Molloy. 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, Jennifer Chilton, Dawn Warren, Micky Corn, Amy Davis, Marty Phillips, Suzanne Smith, Becky Kessel and Christa Lance. In attendance were Gibbie Harris, Health Director, Fran Thigpen, Director of Parks, Recreation and Greenways, Dr. Wanda Greene, County Manager. In attendance were Nelle Gregory, Eddie Shook, Jennifer Mullendore, Ellis Vaughn, Susan Creede, Gaylen Erlichman, Ginny Painter, Jennings Garry, Deya Ramos and Olga Allen with the Department of Health. Also in attendance were Melissa Baker, Department of Health; Alice Elio, Department of Health; Jackie Latek, Families Together, Families Together; Dr. Harold Kowa, Blue Sky Pediatrics; Kathryn Brewer, Parent Advocate; Sherry Noto, Community Care of WNC and Jerry Rice, Community Advocate.

MEETING TO ORDER

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

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board reviewed the August 24, 2012 Board agenda. DSS Board Member David McClain made the motion that the agenda be accepted as presented. Board Member Sharon West seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval. The agenda is attached and made a part of these minutes.
- 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.

EXCELLANCE IN SERVICE

- Gibbie Harris recognized all the staff that worked so diligently during the recent salmonella outbreak. The work done was recognized by receiving an award for "Best Practice in an Outbreak Response" during the Communicable Disease Conference held in Raleigh. Gibbie Harris shared that the work done is one of great teamwork by the staff at the Buncombe County Dept. of Health. There is a poster placed on the wall that outlines the beginning steps through the process of work that was done. This poster was also presented at the conference that the Disease Control Staff attended.

FISCAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES REPORTS

- A financial report was presented to the Board by Jim Holland. A copy of the financial report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

INTEGRATION INITIATIVES

- Nelle Gregory introduced Melissa Baker the Innovative Approaches Coordinator.

- Innovative Approaches held a panel discussion and presented a PowerPoint of the program that is a system to improve the Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs. The panel spokespersons included Melissa Baker-Health, Becky Kessel-DSS, Alice Elio-Health, Dr. Harold Kowa-Blue Sky Pediatrics, Jackie Latek-Families Together, Kathryn Brewer-Parent and Sherry Noto-RN.
- The social work and community health collaboration covers services provided by Child Protective Services, Nurse Social Work Teams, Nurse Family Partnership and the Under Six program.
- Kathryn Brewer spoke as a parent representative about how the IA program has changed her life in the way that she now gets to attend conferences and trainings on how to navigate services for her child with special healthcare needs.
- Dr. Kowa shared that as a physician the IA program has piloted to support standard protocols for supporting youth transition to adult health care when the patient ages out to adulthood and needs different services. Currently there are practices that collaborated with evidence based protocols for asthma, ADHD and Obesity. They are MAHEC, CCWNC and Asheville Pediatric Associates, Blue Sky Pediatrics, Mountain Area Pediatrics.
- Alice Elio talked about the collaboration with the schools. There are school health forms that have been placed on a CD for pediatric providers, school nurses have been placed onto the transition teams for students with special healthcare needs.
- Jackie Latek discussed the behavioral health end of the IA program that deals with teens in foster care that transition to an adult care home. Training is provided for both the youth and the families.
- Becky Kessel talked about the community collaboration end that deals with support to families that cannot find an adult medical home. She also shared a link to www.youfindservices.org which was developed as a searchable website of services in Buncombe County for children and youth with special healthcare needs.
- The future efforts are to work more with transitioning to adult living, family needs for non-English speaking families and supporting the future work of IA for continuing efforts.
- This program is unique as it is the only comprehensive system focused on the special healthcare needs population of youth in our area, a strong parent and physician collaboration and it continues to grow. A copy of the PowerPoint and hand out is attached and made a part of these minutes.

INTEGRATION UPDATE: HB438

- Mandy Stone presented a PowerPoint to the Board on House Bill 438 and the impact on Buncombe's vision of a Consolidated Board. The PowerPoint is attached and made a part of these minutes.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES HIGHLIGHTS

- The PAR report was not presented. The PAR report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

CHAIRS REPORT AND ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson McElrath then advised he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Board member David McClain moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:33p.m. Board member Susanne Swanger 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