

The Buncombe County Health and Human Services Board met on August 25, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at 46 Aston Street due to an HVAC outage at 200 College. Appropriate notice and assistance was provided. In attendance were:

- Health and Human Services Board Members: Susanne Swanger, Chairperson; Jacquelyn Hallum, Ken Putnam, Rachel Keener, Johnnie Grant, Thomas Priester, Frank Castelblanco, Candrice Thul, Jennifer Wehe Davis and Jim Holland
- Buncombe County HHST staff: Jennifer Chilton was in attendance
- Health and Human Services staff: Tammy Shook, Jan Shepard, Sara Bennett, Katie Swanson, Phillip Hardin, Amy Davis, Patricia Wallin, Fletcher Tove, Ellis Vaughn, Jennifer Mullendore and Christa Lance.
- Family Justice Center Coordinator, Julie Klipp Nicholson was in attendance.
- County Employee Rachael Nygaard was in attendance.
- County Attorney Brandon Freeman was in attendance.
- Family Justice Center Panel: Daniel Lee, Det. Jerry Jackson, Sgt. Wade Cecil, Dianna Sierra and Cindy McJunkin.

MEETING TO ORDER

- Susanne Swanger, Health and Human Services Board Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- A quorum was not present so no action was taken
- The Chairperson 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.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 40 Coxe addition/renovations on target for addition opening 1st of the calendar year 2018. Renovations for existing building will be complete by the end of 2018.
- State updates:
 - In October Child Welfare will begin using the NC FAST system. Training underway.
 - Environmental Health Waste Water Permit law revisions discussed with impact to counties highlighted.
 - Quality Assurance in Medicaid and potential county impacts of error cases.
- Fletcher Tove announced that September is Preparedness Month and a more detailed presentation will be given at the September meeting.

PROGRAM UPDATES

- Julie Klipp Nicholson introduced the panel to the Board. On July 1, 2016 the Buncombe County Family Justice Center opened its doors to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Representatives from onsite agencies shared information about services provided at the FJC in its first year and stories of how victims of domestic and sexual violence have accessed services at the FJC.

Since the FJC opened, survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence have accessed counseling, civil legal services, safety planning, sexual assault medical exams, education, and criminal justice support from agencies located at the Family Justice Center. Onsite Partners include: Asheville Police Department, Buncombe County Health and Human Services, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office,

Buncombe County District Attorney's Office, Helpmate, Mission Health, Mountain Child Advocacy Center, OurVOICE, Pisgah Legal Services and the YWCA Asheville.

- A PowerPoint on the Family Justice Center was presented. The PowerPoint is attached and made a part of these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS – CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

- A quorum was not present so no action was taken. Chair and Vice Chair elections will be held in September.

FY17-18 FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Jennifer Chilton presented the end of year financials for FY 17. A copy of the financials and the PAR are attached and made a part of these minutes. FY18 financials were included in information posted to the Board website.

CHAIRS REPORT AND ADJOURNMENT

- Chairperson Swanger advised the Board that Dr. Paul Endry (Optometrist) has resigned from the Board due to health issue. Applications will be posted until September.
- Chairperson Swanger made the Board aware that the elections of Chair and Vice Chair will be held next month. Chairperson Swanger advised she would entertain a motion to adjourn. Board member Jennifer Wehe-Davis moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Board member Ken Putnam seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous approval.

Minutes read and approved this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Susanne Swanger
Health and Human Services
Board Chairperson

Jim Holland
Executive Secretary to the Board