

August 29, 2007
Franklin, NC 28734

Social Services Board met this date in regularly scheduled session. This meeting was rescheduled from August 15, 2007 due to unexpected conflict, which the rescheduled meeting was properly noticed according to Open Meeting Laws. Members in attendance were Dom D'Ascoli, Wendy Dalton, Mark West and Secretary. Meeting was called to order by Chairman D'Ascoli.

Minutes of the July 18, 2007 board meeting, both Open Session and Closed session minutes, were approved on motion of Wendy Dalton and second by Mark West.

Budget for current fiscal year was updated. Several actions in the recently passed state budget affected the current operational budget. The TANF Electing County Cash for FY '07-'08 was cut an additional \$2,082 from the February 2007 estimate. The Medicaid Relief Bill gradually, over a 3-year period, relieves counties of the Medicaid burden; however, this bill has other components that will negatively affect the county budget after full implementation if 1 of 2 additional revenue streams is not approved.

The fiscal analysis for Senior Services and DSS consolidation in the past fiscal year was completed. The total overall county cost savings from FY '05-'06 to FY '06-'07 was \$280,736 which was a 400% decrease in county costs from one fiscal year to the next. This cost savings was realized through increasing several revenue sources and decreasing overall operational costs by reorganization and attrition at the same time that units of services to the senior and disabled populations were increased. Board congratulated leadership of Senior Services and DSS and the staff of Senior Services in achieving these results.

Board went into Closed Session to discuss contracts, personnel and confidential case information on motion of Wendy Dalton and second by Mark West. Board returned from Closed Session and announced the hiring of Stacey Carlucci in the vacant IMC II position and the lateral transfer of Cindy Binkley into the vacant SW II position.

An Asheville Citizen Times article on Foster Care in North Carolina was shared with the Board. This article highlighted the increased number of foster care children in Macon County, an overall increase of approximately 400% in a 4-year period. Primary reason for the drastic increase is due to substance abuse.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2007 in the Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date