

March 18, 2009
Franklin, NC 28734

Social Services Board met this date in regular session. Members in attendance were Dom D'Ascoli/Chairman, Wendy Dalton, Mark West and Director/Secretary. Meeting was called to order by Chairman.

Both regular session minutes and closed session minutes of the February 18 board meeting were approved on motion of Wendy Dalton and second by Mark West.

Month to date financials were highlighted. No cuts in state funds have been received for this fiscal year.

Under old business, board was updated on continued case load growth in all areas. Foster Care focus groups with the foster children over age 12 and Director were very successful and some suggestions for improvement in service delivery to the foster children are being developed. Meeting with Accenture regarding implementation of automation was very positive, and consultants were very complimentary of the Northwoods and Laserfiche imaging systems.

Under new business, Cathy Makinson presented the proposed FY '09-'10 budget. Budgets were to be prepared with no increase in county expenditures. Requested county appropriation for DSS next fiscal year is \$1,151,004 less due to the state assuming the remaining county Medicaid match on July 1, 2009 which attributed for approximately \$1M of the reduction. Other offsets were attributed to increased revenues as result of indirect cost plan and reorganization in the provision of legal services and staffing patterns at Senior Services. Total DSS budget is \$12,242,248 which includes \$1,354,769 in county appropriation or 11% of the total budget. Mark West made motion to approved the FY '09-'10 budget as presented. Wendy Dalton seconded. Motion carried. Board congratulated Mrs. Makinson on the excellent budget prepared and presented.

Secretary informed Board of 2 upcoming audits. The Food and Nutrition Management Evaluation will be held the second week of April. This state review assesses program operations including applications, fraud, and civil rights in the food services program. The Biennial Child and Family Services Review will be held the first week of June which will be a comprehensive review of the child welfare services delivery system including child protective services, foster care and adoptions.

Board went into Closed Session on motion of Mark West and second by Wendy Dalton to discuss personnel, contracts and confidential case information. Board returned from Closed Session.

Board affirmed the DSS Appreciation Day sponsored and hosted by the DSS Board would be held on Wednesday, April 22. Invitations to the event will be sent.

Next DSS Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, at 9:00 in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date