

October 18, 2007
Franklin, NC 28734

Social Services Board met this date in Regular Session. Members in attendance were Dom D'Ascoli, Mark West, Wendy Dalton and Secretary. A community member was also present. Secretary noted the meeting date and location had been changed, which was publicized according to Open Meeting Laws. Meeting was called to order by Chairman D'Ascoli.

Minutes of the August 29, 2007 Closed Session were approved on motion of Wendy Dalton, and second by Mark West. Both Regular and Closed Session minutes of the September 19, 2007 Board meeting were approved on motion of Mark West and second by Wendy Dalton.

Budget expenditures reports were reviewed. Fiscal Year end close out for 2006-2007 were presented. Revenues exceeded budget amounts by approximately 7.7% and expenses were at 4.5% under budget for DSS operations.

Total audited expenses were \$4,730,224 with \$2,359,800 total revenues for an 82% state and federal return on the DSS budget. Senior Services revenues also exceeded budget by 6.3% and expenses were at 18.9% under budget. The significant decrease in expenses was due to reorganization and recoding of some expenses into the DSS general budget to maximize state and federal funds where allowable. Current fiscal year budget was also briefly discussed, with the \$301,172 decrease in Medicaid county funding highlighted.

October Medicaid monthly spending increased by approximately 25% which if current trends continue, the county will not have budgeted enough funds to cover the required county Medicaid cost.

Brief discussion was held on the cost of health insurance for county employees and dependents. Jennifer Cabe, a student at WCU, commented that she was exploring health insurance options for adults with no children. Secretary referred her to Kathy McGaha, Healthy Carolinians Director, and to Dr. Charlie Vargas regarding clinical services for this type of population.

Secretary presented recommended policies for adoption and home assessments. Policies on adoptions were updated to include criminal record checks and a new policy was developed for court ordered home assessments. Board approved recommended policies on motion of Wendy Dalton and second by Mark West. Copy of new policy is attached.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 9:00 in the Administrative Conference Room. This meeting is being held on the second Wednesday of the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date