

Forsyth County Department of Social Services
Board Minutes
April 27, 2011

Present: Claudette Weston, Chair, Florence Corpening, Michael Wells, Walter Marshall, Dave Plyler, Joe Raymond, Pat Read, Elizabeth White, Ava Smith-Pegues

Call to Order was given at 8:05am

Information

Staff introductions included: Courtney Tuttle, Cheryl Pruett, and Allison Williams, new in the TEAM Division. Adult Services new staff included: Selena Liggons, Delta Cain, Arelia Ashford, and Cordeshia Taylor. Brandon Mauro was promoted to Family and Children's Medicaid supervisor.

There were no public comments.

The Director's Report included:

- Food and Nutrition increased by 421 cases since March
- Forsyth County has the highest caseload in NC (68% higher than the average)
- There are more than 800 cases per Food and Nutrition caseworker

Consent

The March Minutes were approved. Motion by Mr. Wells, second by Dave Plyler.

Strategic

The Automation project has scanned 1.5 million images for Food and Nutrition. Daycare services will be next to be automated and has already provided samples of images for scanning. The first phase of implementation is expected to begin the 1st week of May.

Liz White reported on the Child Care Subsidy program that

- As of the end of March 2011 there was a balance of \$2,509,881.00 remaining in our Daycare Allocation
- Expenditures for March were \$1,141,851.00
- Adding 196 children should increase our monthly spending by \$70,560.00. This increase in spending should get us very close to spending our allocation this fiscal year. Our current estimate is that we will have about \$80,000.00 remaining at the end of the fiscal year. This is just a little over a day of daycare expenses for our county. If we were to increase the number of children receiving vouchers, we run the risk of overspending our allocation.
- As of the end of March, there are 1,446 children on the waiting list.

- For the entire fiscal year, the agency has invited 1,031 families/1668 children to attend group intake sessions. We had 396 families attend and we provided 546 vouchers.

The Youth in Transition Initiative will be spotlighted at the Winston-Salem Foundation's Annual Meeting on May 4.

- KBR will provide \$486,000 over 3 years for the program towards IDA
- Goodwill has been selected as the lead agency for YIT
- The Jim Casey Foundation has named Winston – Salem as co-investment site in their national YIT initiative

The Director reported on the In Home Aide Program:

- A social worker the In Home Services unit evaluates the client's needs and develops a service plan in conjunction with the client and family.
- In-home aides provide a variety of services, assistance with personal hygiene care, housecleaning, meal preparation, and grocery shopping, errands and providing transportation to and from medical appointments.
- There are 3 levels of service and Forsyth DSS provides Level I services to 68% of current service recipients

The Director shared 2 bills (SB433 and HB580) with the board relating to potential changes to the governance structures of DSS, Public Health and mental health agencies in NC.

Action

After Liz White's presentation, a motion was passed for a letter to be sent asking the DHHS Division of Child Care Subsidy to meet with Forsyth County's Board to discuss and clarify the formula used for the program. Motion by Mr. Marshall, second by Mr. Plyler; the motion passed unanimously.

After the Director's Report, a motion was passed to send a letter to David Locklear, Assistant Section Chief of Economic Services recommending that the Food and Nutrition Program implement a photo ID be used when recipients use their EBT card. Motion by Mr. Marshall, second by Mr. Plyler; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.