

# LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING

**April 17, 2012**

The Board of Social Services for the Lee County Department of Social Services convened at 12:00 noon in the Board of Commissioner's Room of the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Board members present were, David Riddle, Linda Shook, Paul Utley, Ophelia Livingston and Gail Dickens. Also present was Brenda Potts, Ex-Officio.

Chairperson, Mr. Riddle called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the serenity prayer. Mr. Riddle asked if there were any changes to the April Agenda, there were none. Mr. Riddle asked all in favor.

**Aye:** Mr. Riddle, Mr. Utley, Mrs. Dickens, Mrs. Shook and Mrs. Livingston

**Nay:** none, motion carries.

Mr. Riddle asked if there were any adjustments or changes to the April Board minutes, Mr. Utley made a motion the March Board minutes be accepted as written. Mrs. Livingston seconded the motion, motion carries. The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Potts.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

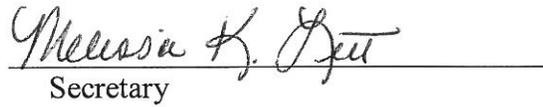
**Lee County Program Integrity Plan-**Mrs. Potts introduced Angelina Noel, Supervisor for Program Integrity, Day Care, and Work First. Angelina explained that there are two fraud workers in the Program Integrity Unit and IM Investigator I and IM Investigator II. Angelina went on to explain the responsibilities of the two workers and the purpose of the Program Integrity Unit is to investigate referrals receiving: Food and Nutrition Benefits, Work First Family Assistance, Medicaid, Child Care Subsidy and/or Energy Assistance to ensure the client is eligible to receive the benefits. Angelina provided each board member with a copy of the Lee County Program Integrity Plan. Mrs. Shook asked Angelina to distinguish the difference in the IM I position and the IM II position. Angelina explained that the IM I position is more collection/clerical and administrative task, where the IM II establishes over payment. Mrs. Potts added that in the early 1980's this position was established so that the same worker was not working a case start to finish. Angelina also explained that she signs off on all establishment cases that the IM II establishes. Mr. Riddle asked how successful are we? Angelina responded "very" we are one of the top counties in collections. Mrs. Dickens questioned if it ever goes away and Angelina responded never goes away that it can still be received after their death through State Recovery. Angelina also told the board that another way of minimizing fraud is on the front end, which would occur during the application process. Mrs. Potts also explained that the caseworker may feel someone is just not right. Mr. Riddle asked how this would happen and Angelina explained through interview techniques, if they hear fraud. Mr. Riddle wanted to know the caseload, Angelina responded 100 + at one time however the IM I is always clearing out. Mrs. Livingston questioned Angelina on the top 3 types of fraud. Angelina explained: (1) Unreported Income, (2) Not reporting household count, single, not married, and not living together. Mrs. Potts asked for Mr. Riddle to make a motion to approve the plan. Mrs. Shook made a motion to approve, Mr. Riddle seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

**Director's Report**-Mrs. Potts reported to the board that the Tameka Dowdy case before the EEOC found no violations and dismissed the case. It would now be on Mrs. Dowdy if she wanted to pursue further in open court.

Mr. Riddle asked if any further discussion. There being no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Riddle asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Dickens made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Utley seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.



Phillip W. Stone  
Chairman



Melissa H. Dyer  
Secretary