

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**April 21<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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 at the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Board members present were Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, Gail Dickens, Paul Utley, absent Commissioner Amy Dalrymple. Also present was Ex-Officio member Brenda Potts.

Chairperson Livingston called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the serenity prayer.

The Board considered changes to the April agenda. Mrs. Potts asked under New Business that after Update on NC Fast, that MQB-E be added as a third item. She also asked that after the Director's report that the board go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. A motion was made by David Riddle to accept the changes as amended.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle and Paul Utley (Ms. Dalrymple was absent from the meeting)

Nay: None

The Board considered changes to the March Minutes. With no changes being made a motion was made by Member Dickens to approve the minutes.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle and Paul Utley (Ms. Dalrymple was absent from the meeting)

Nay: None

The meeting was turned over to DSS Director Brenda Potts.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - No one signed up to speak during the Public Comments section of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**- Ms. Potts introduced Ms. Faircloth, Fiscal Supervisor. Ms. Potts explained that she and Ms. Faircloth met with Mr. Crumpton on March 23, 2015 to discuss the budget that had been submitted to finance and presented to the DSS board in March. In the budget discussions, Ms. Potts and Ms. Faircloth were instructed to add 2 new county cars after the County Manager had reviewed the DSS county car spreadsheet. The business plan for attorney coverage was also discussed.

**NC FAST update**-The system is being re-hauled and the State has requested the assistance from the counties in sending county staff to Raleigh to test the new changes. Ms. Potts explained this was a very busy time for all the eligibility programs so we would be unable to send line staff. She explained we felt it very important to be a part of this testing so it was decided to send Angelina Noel since she was familiar with all programs involved in DSS and has been the county champion since the beginning. The state has been in a critical position with so many county being behind in their Family & Children's Medicaid reviews so a great deal of effort has been put forth to alleviate this problem Lee County staff worked very hard to make sure we did not have any cases that needed to roll over. As a result of that hard work, Lee County was one of twenty three counties that met the deadline set by end of March for all Children's Medicaid recertifications to be current. The state was appreciative of our efforts.

**MQB-E-A** notice was received that the Feds are stopping the program, March 2015, the state will cover April 2015 no warning was given for this change. This program is where the Medicare premium is paid for elderly low-income individuals not eligible for regular Medicaid. There are about 100 in our county that would be affected.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**-The county manager has requested that all departments develop a flow chart to show the steps taken in the day-to-day business. He has requested this completed in 30 days.

**CLOSED SESSION** - Vice Chairperson Dickens moved for the Board to go into closed session to consider a personnel matter per N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6); Mr. Riddle seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, Paul Utley (Ms. Dalrymple was absent from the meeting.)

Nay: None

Chairperson Livingston ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the Board was in closed session.

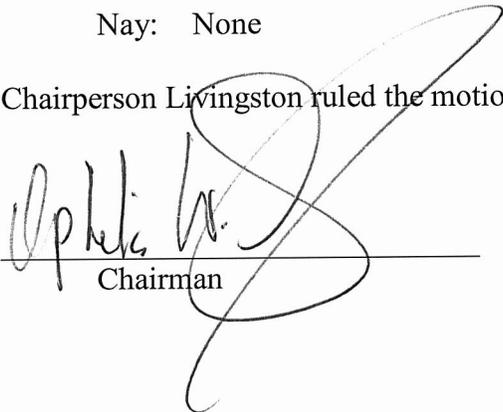
Upon returning from closed session, the regular meeting resumed with members Livingston, Dickens and Utley, and Riddle present. (Ms. Dalrymple was absent from the meeting.)

With no further business to come before the Board, Member Riddle moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Utley. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, and Paul Utley. (Ms. Dalrymple absent from meeting.)

Nay: None

Chairperson Livingston ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

  
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Secretary