LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
April 19th, 2016

The Board of Social Services for the Lee County Department of Social Services convened at 12:00 PM, 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 and 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. No changes being made a motion was made by member Dickens to accept.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley, David Riddle. Absent from the was Amy Dalrymple

The Board considered changes to the March minutes. No changes being made a motion was made by Member Utley to accept.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley, David Riddle. Absent from the was Amy Dalrymple
Nay: None

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

The meeting was turned over to DSS Director Brenda Potts.

NEW BUSINESS- Ms. Potts introduced Angelina Noel, Ms. Noel came before the board for a Motion to Approve the Benefit Diversion Program, she gave a brief background on the program to the board as in the previous year that this is a onetime lump sum payment, the client could be in a crisis and this check could divert them from public assistance. Benefit Diversion provides an opportunity for families to receive immediate help *and* preserve their independence from public assistance.

Motion to approve to continue the offering of the Benefit Diversion Program was made by David Riddle

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley, David Riddle, and Amy Dalrymple

Nay: None

The motion was approved.

Ms. Noel also came before the board for a Motion to Approve Work First Services this year however she explained to the board that the county can make a change in the poverty level. The board can determine between the current 200% or change to 150% of poverty level. The state is requiring the board approval.

Motion to approve to continue the 200% poverty level for Work First Services was made by Amy Dalrymple.

Ms. Potts informed the board that the Board of Lee County Commissioners has requested information on the expectations of new board members. The power point presentation in your board package is the updated By- Laws for the Social Services Board. Ms. Potts after reviewing of the presentation packet asked the board for a Motion to Accept the By-Laws for Lee County Social Services with the correction of spelling as found during presentation.

Motion to approve to accept the By-Laws of the Lee County Social Services with corrections was made by David Riddle.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley, David Riddle, and Amy Dalrymple

Nay: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- With there being none Ms. Potts turned the meeting back over to the Board Chair, Ophelia Livingston.

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

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, Paul Utley, and Amy Dalrymple.

Nay: None

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

Vice-Chair Secretary