

LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2013

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, Gail Dickens, Paul Utley and David Riddle. Commissioner Charles Parks was absent. 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 October agenda. With no changes made, the agenda was approved as presented.

The Board considered changes to the September Minutes. With no changes made, the Minutes were approved as presented.

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.

OLD BUISNESS-

Non- Emergency Medicaid Transportation-The contracts have been extended due to the federal shutdown and the lack of knowledge as to the effect on the program. Current contracts extended until December 31, 2013.

Report on Federal Shutdown-

In other business, Mrs. Potts explained that the closing of the federal government on October 1st due to the inability of Congress to reach a budget agreement is causing major disruptions in many of our Social Services Programs. As a result of the shutdown, Lee County had to suspend Child Care Subsidy payments effective October 12, 2013. Another program where payments were suspended was the Adult Day Care Program. In Lee County, we have 7 individuals receiving Adult Day Care service; those services were suspended on October 12. Another funding sources that has been affected, but information has been slow coming is the TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families). The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) which had already taken a hit in earlier funding allocations; with the federal shutdown the funds have stopped. These funds support our In Home Service Program that currently serves 20 individuals. Without this service, these clients will likely have to be placed out of the home. There are two In Home Aides remaining, one was RIF'd in this year's budget. These two workers will be brought into work in Medicaid Transportation to verify medical visits for audit purposes.

SSBG also supports the mandated Adult Protective Services which investigates and provides services to protect the elderly and disabled from abuse, neglect and exploitation and the guardianship cases. SSBG is also the funding source that provides services to certain types of Foster Care children. The Foster Care payments will continue for the room and board for the foster care children but other services will be cut back. This will be one of the areas where can fail an audit due to the cut back in services. There are also

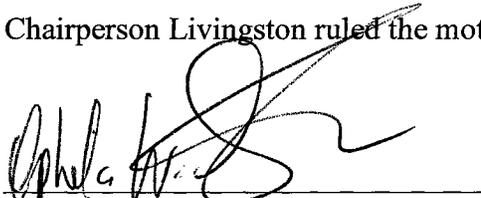
some services in child protective services that are funded through SSBG. Protective services have more funding sources that can be used but there will be some cases that would have to be coded to SSBG funds. The social worker has to request approval to code to these SSBG funding sources.

Food and Nutrition Services (SNAP) FNS is part of the Farm Aid Bill and it is up for renewal this year. Normally we would not worry that it would be approved once we have a budget but it appears that it has been pulled out separately. As you know the NC Fast system that houses FNS cases has had its own set of problems resulting in delayed benefits for families. Beginning in October, Lee County began to add some new Medicaid cases to this same NC Fast system. Some staff that would be needed to be furloughed will be transferred to programs affected by NC Fast to help with the conversion.

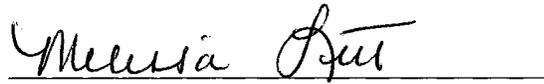
With no further business to come before the Board, Member Dickens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Utley. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Livingston, Dickens, Riddle & Utley
Nay: None

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



Chairman



Secretary