

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING**

July 16th, 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 of the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Board members present were, David Riddle, Paul Utley, Ophelia Livingston, Charles Parks and Gail Dickens. Also present was Brenda Potts, Ex-Officio.

Chairperson Mr. Riddle, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. As July is the month to vote on the Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Potts. Nominations were opened for Chairperson and Mr. Utley nominated Mrs. Livingston, Mr. Riddle seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed, a vote was taken and Mrs. Livingston won 5-0. Nominations were opened for Vice Chair. Mrs. Dickens nominated Mr. Utley for Vice Chair, Mr. Riddle seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed. A vote was taken and Mr. Utley won 5-0. The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Livingston as Chairperson. There were no changes to the agenda. Mrs. Livingston made a motion that the June board minutes be accepted as written. Mr. Parks seconded the motion, vote unanimous. The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Potts.

PUBLIC COMMENT- No one for Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS-Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Contract

Mrs. Potts introduced Lesa Price, Adult Services, and Supervisor. Mrs. Potts explained to the Board that she had been instructed to go out for bids on Medicaid Transportation. Social Services, as she explained, is mandated to utilize the cheapest method for transportation of clients that are on Medicaid. A copy of the RFP Quotes is in your package showing the cost per trip/mileage for medical appointments. As you will see three vendors' provided quote's COLTS, Fleming and Woolford House. Mr. Parks inquired as to why the contract the county used would not be sufficient for all county programs. Mrs. Potts explained that Social Services had a separate Medicaid Transportation contract when she returned. She said she assumed it would have to do with the Medicaid program having to be through the cheapest vendor that met the specifications and that would not be a requirement for the county. The Board accepted the bids with some discussion. Mr. Riddle made a motion to table this matter until Mrs. Potts can provide additional information. Mr. Parks seconded the motion, vote unanimous. The board also requested to extend current contracts for COLTS and Fleming until a decision is made on the new contract. Mrs. Potts asked the board for their guidance on this matter.

Legislative Updates—Ms. Potts said the House signed off on the budget but there were so many revisions we could not keep up with them. More at Four is an early childhood education program aimed at 4 year olds. The program is aimed at economically and developmentally disadvantaged kids. It is a program they attend only part of the day. Ms. Potts discussed how the budget addressed More at Four.

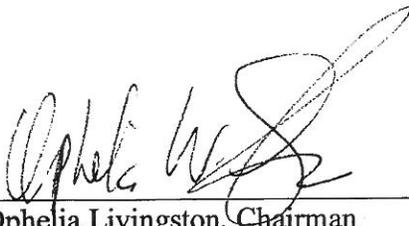
Another House Bill 392-Work First Drug Screening, there is no money in the budget to pay for drug testing, however if they test positive they pay, if negative we have to reimburse them.

Senate Bill 140- Financial Exploitation of Older Adults. Increases the recognition, reporting and prosecution of those who would defraud or financially exploit disabled or older adult. In addition, it continues the task force on Fraud.

House Bill 670- This would entitle an act authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services to study extending the provision of Foster Care to the age of 21. Presently Foster Care payments stop at 18.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- No updates at this time.

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



Ophelia Livingston, Chairman
Lee Department of Social Services



Melissa Lett, Secretary to the Board
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