

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

April 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, 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, Mrs. Potts requested that Item IV. (B) Be moved to the next meeting since Mr. Parks was not present and he requested this information. Mr. Riddle asked all in favor.

Aye: David Riddle, Gail Dickens, Paul Utley, Ophelia Livingston

Nay: none, motion carries.

Mr. Parks was not present.

Mr. Riddle asked if there were any adjustments or changes to the March Board minutes, there being none, Mr. Riddle asked all in favor.

Aye: David Riddle, Gail Dickens, Paul Utley, Ophelia Livingston

Nay: none, motion carrier.

Mr. Parks was not present

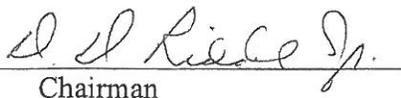
NEW BUSINESS-Mrs. Potts introduced Brenda Weaver who is the Long Term Care Medicaid Caseworker. Brenda discussed information on nursing home care. She explained that nursing home patients are expected to pay for their care and Medicaid benefits are available to only patients who have limited income and resources. She explained that there are income and asset requirements to qualify for LTC Medicaid. Income qualification is that the nursing home cost of care has to be greater than the individual's countable income. She also explained that there are currently 4 CAP programs, CAP DA is for adults 18 and over and DSS is the lead agency with 3 social workers thru Adult Services. Our case manager social workers carry up to 35 cases each. This program generates revenue for the county, so caseworkers strive to keep caseloads as close to 35 as possible. Each caseworker has a waiting list and as slots become available that slot is offered to the next individual on the waiting list. There are three basic requirements a potential CAP recipient must be Medicaid eligible, must be nursing home level of care as determined by a medical for called an FL2 and an individual must have family support, friends to assist with needed care when CAP services workers are not in the home. Also have CAP-MR which is for mentally retarded children or adults. Our agency only handles the Medicaid case management and Daymark is the lead agency and maintains all other case management services. CAP-C is CAP for medically fragile children who are at risk of institutionalization. And the newest CAP program is CAP Choice which gives a CAP recipient more choice in making decisions about their own medical needs.

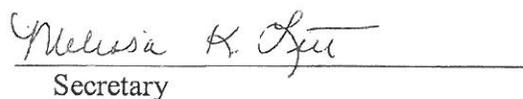
There is one last CAP program called Money Follows the Person. This program gives priority to individuals who have been in a nursing facility for at least 3 months and want to return to private living. Medicaid offers another program which is Special Assurances, Domiciliary Care or Rest Home Care. This level of care is considered custodial care such as help with bathing, feeding, and dressings making sure medications are taken and that individuals are in a safe environment. There is a big change anticipated for LTC around May or June in residency requirements. Currently, the last place an individual lived prior to going into a nursing home is the county of residence and that county determines eligibility and maintains the case regardless of where they may move to in a facility within the state. At the present time there are 306 beds in 8 LTC facilities, 126 are Lee County residence, 57 are out of county residents and there are 123 vacancies.

NC FAST UPDATE- Steady traffic coming in. We have been experiencing more system problems since the large counties like Mecklenburg and Forsyth came on board. Due to the system problems we had some angry clients blaming staff. **Medicaid** is working on clean up reports. There are things they can do with their current cases that will be able to help their conversion into NC Fast. Also working cases trying to get some of the certification periods the same for the Medicaid and FNS cases. They are concentrating on trying to keep the number of applications pending as low as possible so they can be completed in the old system and not have to be handled in two different systems come conversion time. Also we have no control over those applications pending disability decision by the State's Division of Disability Determination. **Work First and Special Assistance** will also be converting over to NC Fast at the same time as Medicaid. We have not heard a lot from the state on these two programs, therefore we are not feeling very comfortable. We have just been told that Medicaid Transportation will be converting over to NC Fast at the same time as Medicaid, this just came up in a recent meeting and we have no clue how it will work. We continue our weekly meetings with the supervisors and the lead workers in FNS, Medicaid, Work First, SA, IT, and now Medicaid Transportation every Tuesday to keep everyone up to date on what we know at the time and planning how things will look in Lee County eligibility when the next programs go live with NC Fast.

Director's Report-HR has setup Lunch and Learn Wellness Programs to help you to learn to eat healthy and one concerning knee replacements.

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


Chairman


Secretary