

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

March 19th, 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, Charles Parks, 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 March agenda, Mr. Riddle asked all in favor.

Aye: David Riddle, Gail Dickens, Charlie Parks, Ophelia Livingston

Nay: none, motion carries.

Mr. Utley was not present.

Mr. Riddle asked if there were any adjustments or changes to the February Board minutes, Mr. Riddle asked that a word correction be made and that being done, Mr. Riddle asked all in favor of the amended February minutes.

Aye: David Riddle, Gail Dickens, Charlie Parks, Ophelia Livingston

Nay: none, motion carrier.

Mr. Utley was not present

Mr. Riddle explained that the November minutes that were approved in the December meeting were not official due to there not being a quorum. Therefore the board needs to approve the November 2012 board minutes.

Aye: David Riddle, Gail Dickens, Charlie Parks, Ophelia Livingston

Nay: none, motion carrier.

Mr. Utley was not present

NEW BUSINESS

BENEFIT DIVERSION SERVICE-Mrs. Potts introduced Angelina Noel, WFFA, Fraud and Program Integrity Supervisor Services. Mrs. Potts explained that Angelina needs the approval of the board to continue with the Benefit Diversion Program. A notice just recently came from the state that the counties can continue to do the Benefit Diversion or not to do. Angelina explained that Lee County would like to continue with the program and the money used for this is Federal and State money not Lee County fund. Angelina provided the board with a chart that shows two years of statistics from 2011-2012. Angelina asked the board for a motion continue as in the past with WFFA benefit diversion. Mr. Riddle state that there was value in the program and asked the board for a motion to continue the benefit diversion

program as has been operated in the past, Mr. Parks made the motion, Mrs. Livingston seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2013-2014 DRAFT SOCIAL SERVICE BUDGET-Mrs. Potts went over the draft budget, which members received in their packets prior to the meeting. Mrs. Potts explained that as Mr. Crumpton requested that the draft budget only show an increase due to the 1.7 COLA and 12% Health Insurance, if you disregard these items you will see a 0% increase in the budget as he requested. The draft budget booklet you received shows just that, but does include 1 new position which is an IMC II Food and Nutrition Position, which it was discussed in an earlier Board of Commissioners meeting when a FNS position was approved that a second position was needed due to the cases per worker and the increase in the need for Food and Nutrition. Mrs. Potts also explained she could not at this time justify a position for Medicaid, since the if's have not been answered concerning the Medicaid and NC Fast. Also the State is pushing for workers next year to be universal and that would mean Food and Nutrition workers would have to learn Medicaid and Medicaid workers would have to learn Food and Nutrition to help in the transition into NC Fast.

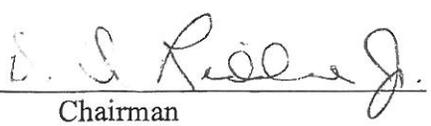
The booklet is setup beginning with the O-Charts for each department including the new position recommended in the budget. Section 2 is a brief explanation of the department programs. Section 3 contains the position requested and why these positions are being requested. Mrs. Potts explained that she would like for the boards support of the original budget if they supported the need for the position. **Section 7-5312's** is operating expenses, the cost of doing business. The Pct. Chg. (percentage of change) column shows the percentage of increase or decrease from last year's budget. **5313's** are program expenses that are non- reimbursable through the 1571, we get the money back by another means and we have no control over the spending. **3531's** are revenues (reimbursements) we receive. We have to spend money to receive reimbursement. **3232's** are revenues we receive from the 1571 report.

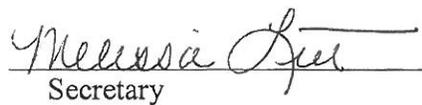
Mr. Riddle called for a motion on the budget. Mrs. Livingston made the motion to support the budget as drafted, which included the new position. Mrs. Dickens seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Parks then recused himself from the board's vote on the budget due to his position as the chairperson the Board of Commissioner's.

NC FAST UPDATE- Is continuing on and progressing.

Director's Report-

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


Chairman


Secretary