

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

June 18th, 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, 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 June agenda. Mr. Riddle asked all in favor.

Aye: Riddle, Dickens, Utley
Nay: none, motion carried.

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

Aye: Riddle, Dickens, Utley
Nay: none, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT- No one for Public Comment.

In December, Ms. Potts had provided the board with a suggested Public Comment Policy for the Social Service Board's public comment period of the Social Service Board meetings. As there had not been a quorum back in December, no action was taken. Today the board again discussed the proposed policy. Ms. Potts explained that this document was written in the same format as the Public Comment Period policy that the Lee County Board of Commissioners currently uses. She asked the board, at this time, to make a motion to accept the document as public comment guidelines. A motion was made by Mr. Utley to accept the public comment guidelines established by the commissioners and Mrs. Dickens seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW

NC FAST UPDATE- IT is updating the computers as of the last request by NC Fast. In order for us to be up to date on all new requirements we must purchase 7 new pc's by October. The cross training of the universal workers has begun. The workers are real receptive to the changes. The state came down to complete their assessment and it went well. Lee County is on target, the soft launch will be in August and the hard launch will be in October.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT-This is a mandated healthcare exchange. Clients will come to Social Services to apply for benefits, call in and apply, mail in applications, etc., be evaluated and if they do not qualify for Medicaid they will be authorized to apply for the health insurance through the Marketplace. The Marketplace will be where they can apply for and obtain health insurance after paying what is supposed to be a reasonable premium. This is one of the provisions in the new Affordable Care Act. At this time it is not known as to what affect this will have on the traffic coming through Social Services.

TURNOVER TRACKING-Melissa Lett, Personnel Tech I, presented the board with a handout that showed in the past year the personnel turnover/promotions in DSS. The budget year July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013 had 10 positions to open up due to retirement, 2 new positions in the budget, and 4 that took jobs with other agencies. With these positions becoming vacant 21 positions were filled due to the trickle-down effect. The majority of these positions were hired within DSS therefore allowing for in-house promotions for the staff.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Paul Utley to go into closed session to consider a personnel matter per North Carolina General Statute 143- 318.11(a)(6)

Motion was made by Mr. Utley and seconded by Ms. Dickens to come out of closed session. All members continued to be present to resume the regular meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- No updates at this time.

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. 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
Lee Department of Social Services