

**New Hanover County
Board of Social Services
Minutes
Multipurpose Room A
9:00a.m. – 10:00a.m.**

The New Hanover County Board of Social Services met in open session on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 9:00 in Multipurpose Room A of the New Hanover County Department of Social Services.

ATTENDING: John Craig, Chairman; Bill Caster, Vice Chairman; Patrick Riley

ALSO ATTENDING: LaVaughn Nesmith, Secretary to the Board; Stephanie Monteath, Assistant to the Director

Mr. Craig called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Mr. Caster led the invocation. Mr. Riley led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Caster moved for approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riley and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Caster moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riley and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

New Hires

Nicole Maund and Nicole Zimmer were introduced as new Temporary Economic Service Caseworkers. Stephanie Matthews was recognized as a new CPS Social Worker.

Service Awards

Brian Bocnuk and Gail Walker were recognized for 10 years of service to New Hanover County. Jeanie Martindale and Octavia Spicer were recognized for 15 years of service to New Hanover County. Peggy Foose, Lawanda Granger, Angela Lewis and Loretta Murphy were recognized for 20 years of service to New Hanover County.

SSDI

Ms. Marino gave a description of funding sources, Multiple Response System (MRS) vs. Forensic investigations and all Social Work program numbers on the SSDI report. Sam Lane reviewed Economic Services program numbers on SSDI to include Food and Nutrition, Medicaid programs, Health Choice, Special Assistance to Adults and Subsidy Child Care.

County Budget Expenditures

Chris McNamee explained budget expenditures for May 2008 paid in June 2008. There were no comments or questions.

STRATEGIC ACTION AGENDA

Leading By Results Overview and Recommendations

Chris McNamee discussed how New Hanover County DSS became involved with Leading By Results (LBR) and how the Board and agency uses LBR as a performance management tool. Ms. McNamee explained that each year the Board is presented with proposed changes to our LBR Indicators as the agency grows or changes. Ms. McNamee described the process of monitoring LBR results and the color coding key. Through LBR, New Hanover County DSS has been able to develop performance based contracts, justify resource needs and tell the agency story. Ms. McNamee asked the Board for approval of the proposed LBR changes. Mr. Caster moved to approve the changes to LBR. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riley and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Objectives

Work First Plan Update

Board Self Evaluation

The Board completed self evaluations.

Additional Items

Ms. Margie Parker of the Work Force Development Center was introduced and shared her agency's mission as it relates to New Hanover County DSS.

Ms. Bryant and Mr. Riley will attend the Board of Social Services training with Mr. Nesmith in Kinston, NC.

As there were no additional items to discuss as provided in G.S. 154A-98 to consider information that is confidential pursuant to G.S. 108A-80 and or G.S. 154A-98, the board by consensus adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LaVaughn Nesmith
Secretary to the Board

John Craig
Chairman

Date approved: _____

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