

**New Hanover County
Board of Social Services
Meeting Minutes
Multi Purpose Room C
10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.**

The New Hanover County Board of Social Services met in open session on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 10:00 in Multi Purpose Room C of the New Hanover County Department of Social Services.

ATTENDING: John Craig, Chairman; Patrick Riley, Vice Chairman; Bill Caster, Evelyn Bryant and Diana Woolley

ALSO ATTENDING: LaVaughn Nesmith, Secretary to the Board; Stephanie Monteath, Administrative Support Specialist

The Chairman presented Board Member Bill Caster with a plaque commemorating his service to DSS. Mr. Caster said farewell to the Board as he is moving to South Carolina.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Mr. Craig asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Caster moved for approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riley and passed unanimously.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

INFORMATION AGENDA

Mr. Nesmith noted DSS will be asking for 3 positions right away to address the extraordinary increase in clients coming in for services and no more possibilities internally for reassignment. Chris Coudriet supported the request and noted that DSS has been the most active department in the County to identify and implement new strategies to address the changing economic climate. No action was taken by the Board.

STRATEGIC ACTION AGENDA

United Way Update

John Ranalli updated the Board about the 2010/2011 United Way Campaign. No action was taken.

Budget Process

Chris McNamee presented a power point explaining the budget process to the Board noting Leading By Results guides the process. No action was taken.

Confirmation of Budget Retreat Date

Mr. Craig asked for a motion to select a Board budget retreat date. Ms. Woolley moved to meet on March 1, 2011 for the retreat from 10a.m. – 1p.m. with lunch. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bryant and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Objectives

Legal Update
Leading By Results Overview

Board Self Evaluation

The Board completed self evaluations.

Additional Items

It was noted the agency holiday lunch would follow the meeting.

As there were no further 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, Mr. Craig asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Craig asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Riley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caster and passed with a unanimous aye at 11:12a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LaVaughn Nesmith,
Secretary to the Board

John E. Craig,
Chairman

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