

**New Hanover County
Board of Social Services
Minutes
September 11, 2007**

The New Hanover County Board of Social Services met in open session on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 9:00 in Multipurpose Room A of the New Hanover County Department of Social Services.

ATTENDING: Ann Pitts, Chairman; Bill Caster, Vice-Chairman; John Craig; Minerva Glidden

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Craig moved for approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caster and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Pitts led the invocation. Mrs. Glidden led the pledge of allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

INFORMATION AGENDA

New Hires

Dayle Haselden and Roynetta Capers were introduced as new Economic Services Caseworker Temporary/Trainees. Dinora Threewitts was introduced as a new Family and Children's Medicaid Caseworker. Willa Davis and Jacqueline Glaspie were introduced as new Food Stamp Caseworkers. Rhonda Lloyd was introduced as the new Adult Home Specialist Social worker.

Service Awards

Laura Steuer and Marie Walker were recognized for 5 years of service to New Hanover County.

SSDI

Mr. Caster asked for clarification on several categories of SSDI. Mr. Nesmith noted that our Medicaid Application number has increased as the hospital has begun referring all uninsured applicants for charity care to DSS first. Many of these applicants will be denied for Medicaid as they are undocumented citizens. This creates extra work for DSS staff and the time it takes for folks to receive care. As well, the hospital has closed all of their clinics to new patients which has put a strain on community resources.

County Budget Expenditures

Carol Thiel reviewed the budget expenditures for July 2007. Ms. Thiel explained DSS has not yet received all its funding authorizations for the new fiscal year. Mr. Lane discussed Child Care Subsidy on-going issues. The Smart Start allocation was less than originally projected. Mr. Nesmith shared that Medicaid relief for the County will be available October 1, 2007. Ms. Thiel passed out a summary of spending from FY6-07.

STRATEGIC ACTION AGENDA

LBR Overview and Recommendations

Chris McNamee reviewed Leading by Results and explained why DSS chose to use the LBR process to measure the agency's progress and validate our use of resources. Successes and Challenges were reviewed. Ms. McNamee discussed the recommended changes to LBR Results and Indicators. Mr. Craig moved to amend the LBR Results and Indicators as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caster and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Objectives

Next month's Board agenda will include presentations on PACE (Program for the All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) and an Adult Services Update.

Board Self Evaluation

The Board completed self evaluations.

Additional Items

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 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LaVaughn Nesmith
Secretary to the Board

Ann Pitts
Board Chairman