

Forsyth County Department of Social Services Board Minutes
July 22, 2009

Present: Claudette Weston, Walter Marshall, Dave Plyler, Brenda Evans, Joe Raymond, Ava Smith-Pegues, Pat Read

Absent: Michael Wells, Sr., Florence Corpening

The Call to Order was given at 8:07am

Information

Bobbi Bales, Program Manager in TEAM Division, introduced Clem Withers to the Board and announced his retirement effective August 1 after 30 years of service.

The Director introduced Carmelita Burrell as the Employee of the Year for 2008 – 2009 and reminded them of her exemplary work with young people in the DSS foster care program, the Youth In Transition program, and the Teens Engaged in Aspiring Mentorships – an Uplifting Partnership (TEAM UP) project.

There were no public comments.

The Director informed the board of the impending budget change involving the elimination of level 3 and 4 youth placements in the Therapeutic Foster Care Plan. He mentioned the Vacancy Review Process and, passed out the LBR report to be discussed in detail at the August board meeting

Consent

The June minutes were approved. Motion by Dave Plyler, and second by Walter Marshall. The Director informed that all Board Policy Compliance has been met for fiscal year 08-09.

Strategic

Tanya McDougal, Family and Children's Division Director, Krista Kindley, F&C Supervisor, and Carmelita Burrell LINKS Coordinator, reported on the TEAM-UP project held in June. The report included

- the Leadership Winston-Salem connection
- expected outcomes of the project and how they were met
- highlights of the week-long activities
- follow-up requirements and activities for August and September that allow participants to gain ownership of laptops they were given to use during this project

- of the 40 youth participating, 23 were from Forsyth County

Brenda Evans suggested the group arrange to present the report to the funders of the project.

Only 12 of the 20 vacancies throughout the agency have been requested to fill. DSS has not filled a position since April except with Stimulus money. Mr. Plyler said he will meet with County Manager today to discuss DSS vacancies.

The IT requires monthly updates to the County Commissioners and this frequency may need to be adjusted.

Action

The election of DSS Board Officers for 2009-2010 will be discussed at the August meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30am.