

Minutes
Forsyth County Department of Social Services
October 22, 2008

Call to Order: 8:00 a.m.

Present:

Florence Corpening, Dave Plyler, R. Michael Wells, Sr., Claudette Weston, Walter Marshall, Gloria Woods, Brenda Evans, Joe Bartel, FC Budget Director, Joe Raymond, Pat Read, Daphne Taylor

Information

Introductions: the following staff were introduced to the board; Barbara Knotts, new Program Manager, Child Support Enforcement Program, and Daphne Taylor, new Human Services Planner and Staff Development Coordinator

There were no public comments

Miscellaneous Director's Report included discussion regarding

- Possible Board tour of Work First Employment Lab during future meeting
- FCDSS receiving the agency's 4th Statewide Best Practices Award for the Work First Employment Lab – a press release will be issued
- The 1st and 2nd Floor retrofit will break ground in January or February
- LIEAP will start Monday, November 3 for a two week period

Consent

The September minutes were approved on motion by Mr. Plyler, second by Mr. Marshall.

Action - There were no action items

Strategic

Joe Bartel, Forsyth County Budget Director, presented an overview of County funding of the Medicaid Funding. Major points included slow increase in county funding for DSS when adjusted for Medicaid funding. Mr. Bartel agreed to provide data comparing county funding of DSS and other county departments over the last 10 years for the next DSS Board meeting. His handouts included:

- Future Budget Projections
- DSS County Dollar History

The Board then discussed the upcoming county budget process and asked Mr. Raymond to request that the board be allowed to present the DSS budget request directly to the County Commissioners. They asked Mr. Raymond to specifically reference the Board's responsibility, as mentioned in law, to transit the budget to the County Commissioners. This motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Weston. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25am.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 26 at 8:00 a.m.