

Forsyth County Department of Social Services Minutes
March 26, 2008

Present

Florence Corpening, R. Michael Wells, Walter Marshall, Joe Raymond, Brenda Evans, Pat Read, Gloria Woods, Dawn Hairston, Tanya McDougal, Darren Kugal, Angie Elliott, Allison Westbrook, Robin Lloyd, Ryan Ewing, Eddie Wooten, Ava Smith-Pegues

The Call to Order was given by Florence Corpening at 8:00am.

Information

Staff Introductions were:

Family and Children's Division – Darren Kugal, promoted to Supervisor, Unit 5, and Lubaba Gallatin-Mitchell, new Family Assessor

Adult Division - Beverly Milligan, new In-Home Aide

TEAM Division – Shana Gary, Social Worker in Specialized Services, and new IMCW staff - Champagne Clark, Michelle Carter, Suzette McNeely, Kimberly McGovern, Shontee Fagan, Susan Thomas, Troy Olgers, Brandon Leonard, Wendy Maddox, Wanda Rivers, and Amy Watkins

There were no public comments.

The Director reported that:

- DSS's request to Cindy Bennett, Director of the Division of Child Development, for an adjustment to the Hold Harmless rate for Child Welfare Subsidy was rejected.
- Gloria Woods, County Attorney, is working on a Conflict of Interest Policy for the Department
- There were no significant changes in the Program Data Report.

Consent

Mr. Marshall pointed out the omission of his name from the February minutes. The correction has been made. Minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Wells, second by Mr. Marshall.

The Director reported:

- An April Board Retreat is being planned with discussion to include steps to integrate the Benchmark findings into the permanent DSS structure.
- The Child Support Program is looking at outside consultation as a possible resource.

Action

There were no action items.

Strategic

A detailed information technology presentation was provided about our Adult Medicaid IT pilot. The pilot demonstrated newly designed capacities that combine more efficient use of technology and electronic data management tools (scanning and storage of documents). Staff also reported that they are visiting Mecklenburg County DSS to learn about their IT systems for economic services and child welfare. Detailed learning about our pilot and recommendations about how Forsyth County DSS should move forward will be presented in our April and May meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07am.