

**Forsyth County Department of Social Services
Board of Social Services Minutes
May 28, 2013**

Present – Nancy Young, Walter Marshall, Claudette Weston, Michael Wells, Melinda Hartley, Liz White
Pat Read, Gloria Woods

Absent: Evelyn Terry

Call to Order at 11:33 a.m.

Information

Staff Introductions: Sandra Kochy, Ona Ellington, Devinn Staten, Tawanda Blackwell, Jennifer Axelson, Rosanne Wiley, Patrice Bethune, Abdul Abin, Asia Jami, Shawna Morrison-Flood, Karen Daebelliehn, Valerie Wardrick, Kellice Meadows

Retirees – Gail Stewart, Debbie Crawley, Kara Staley, Penny Frazier

- There were no public comments
- Director's Report
Food and Nutrition Services is at 26,356 cases.
- Secretary of NC Health and Human Services Dr. Aldona Z. Wos and Carol Steckel, the new director of the Division of Medical Assistance will visit the agency on Thursday, May 30.

Mr. Wells arrived at 11:42am.

Consent

The Minutes from the April 29 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Weston, second by Mr. Wells.

Action

The Board unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Marshall, second by Mrs. Weston for the Director to communicate to the County Commissioners stating that the DSS budget cannot withstand additional cuts.

Strategic

Program Updates

- NCFast conversion of FNS cases is progressing quickly. FNS workload is treading water and 4 staff from other program areas have been assigned to help. Agency may propose a plan to use half of the temp staff to remain after conversion to assist with related needs.
- NC legislature is considering moving 4 million dollars of Smart Start subsidy funding to DSS. The NCACDSS supports this move but Joe is neutral due to the excellent working relationship Forsyth DSS has with Smart Start. .

Economic Services Future / Organizational Changes

- The agency continues to move forward with coming massive organizational changes due to ACA and NCFAST.

Business Office

Medicaid Transportation – it appears the state will not move to a statewide broker thus local DSS role remains the same.

Adult Services

NC's settlement with DOJ regarding housing placement of individuals with a mental health and/or developmental disability diagnosis may be about to cause new and unbudgeted county expenditures for Special Assistance. Staff will monitor and advise the board as needed.

The next meeting is Monday, June 24, 11:30am. The meeting adjourned at 12:40am.