

Forsyth County Department of Social Services Board Minutes
Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Present: Florence Corpening, Claudette Weston, Michael Wells, Joe Raymond, Pat Read

Absent: Walter Marshall, Dave Plyler,

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

Information

The director informed the board that the agency recently won a NC Association of County Commissioner's best practice award for its Training and mentoring of new Medicaid staff. The agency was the only DSS to win the award in NC.

Consent

The April and May minutes were approved. Motion by Mike Wells and, second by Claudette Weston.

Strategic

Tanya McDougal, Linda Alexander and Kim Nesbitt provided an overview of the agency's Child and Family Services Review audit.

Details about the agency's vacancy review process and its impact on DSS were provided and a status update about the pending IT contract with Beacon Analytics was provided.

Action

Liz White explained a proposed Day Care Program Policy change that adds parents who are not employed but looking for work to be added to the agency's waiting list. This change will allow this population to be served by soon to be released 1 time federal stimulus funding for child care program. This policy upon a motion by Claudette Weston and a second by Mike Wells was approved. A 10th category was thereby added (see below #10 and Section VII): "Seeking Employment").

Child Day Care Services and Waiting List Policy

All Child Care Subsidy services will be subject to the availability of funds. The following is the priority for the provision of Childcare services:

1. * Child Protective Services
2. * Employed Foster Parents
3. * Child Welfare Services
4. * Work First Employment Service participants in compliance with their MRA-B, and child care is needed to support their plan
5. Teen parents in Middle and High School
6. Full-time employed parent/responsible adult, 30 hours or more weekly

7. Full-time education/training leading to employment
8. Developmental needs
9. Part-time employment and/or education
10. **Seeking Employment

VII. Seeking Employment

Parents/Responsible Adults receiving Child Day Care Service for Extended Job Search under this new temporary extended policy will be eligible to receive childcare, if all other eligibility criteria are met, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM for preschool children during the school year and for all ages up to 13 years during the summer.

All active recipients will be eligible for this extended policy based on the waiting list priority.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.