

**Forsyth County Department of Social Services  
Board of Social Services Minutes  
August 27, 2008**

**(August minutes to be approved at the DSS Board's September 27, 2008 meeting)**

8:30am Call to Order

In Attendance:

Florence Corpening, Claudette Weston, Gloria Woods, Brenda Evans, Bobbi Bales, Joe Raymond, Ava Smith-Pegues

Absent: Walter Marshall, Dave Plyler, R. Michael Wells, Sr.

Since that was not a quorum present, no action was taken at this board meeting.

Introductions of new staff from the following units were:

Adult Division

- Shana Barr – In Home Aide #2
- Vivian Binkley – In Home Services Unit
- Regena Rogers – Medicaid Unit #2

Family & Children's Division

- Rachel Rushing - Family Assessor
- Tanya Tysinger - Family Assessor
- Curtis Cheeks - Investigative assessor
- Teresa Bryant - Family Assessor/Floater
- Annette Astrada - Family Assess

There were no public comments.

The Director's Miscellaneous Report included:

- A meeting will be held today with the architect and General Services regarding retrofitting of the DSS building
- Work continues on information technology planning.
- Work with consultants in the Child Support Enforcement Program continues and a final set of recommendations will be forthcoming within 30 - 45 days
- DSS Board meeting minutes are now posted on the DSS website

General Discussion points consisted of

- The ongoing effect of the market based salary plan on our ability to recruit, hire and retain to get the most qualified candidates

Board Policy Compliance Report - \$7,500 bus passes used to assist clients with transportation costs were stolen from the Employment Security Commission. Currently ESC has not indicated that they will replace the passes nor has the person(s) responsible been identified. More stringent controls are being put in place.

Ms. Corpening suggested we produce an Annual Report consisting of a 2 or 3 page document, a postcard, or other quick and easily read document that highlights some of DSS's important accomplishments of the past year.

Bobbi Bales reported on the progress of the Work First program. One of the main goals is providing diversion assistance.

A demonstration of E-Learning will be presented at a future meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 24.

