

**CASWELL COUNTY**

**SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 18, 2021**

**Social Services Conference Room**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order**

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held April 20, 2021**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held May 7, 2021**

**Public Address to the Board**

**Action Items**

1. Budget Amendment #10 – CP&L allocation of \$450.00.

**Information Items**

1. In-Home Aide Employee
2. Vacancies/New Hires
3. No Overtime was paid in the May payroll
4. Budget Update

**Closed Session to Consider the Compensation, Competence, Term of Appointment and Performance of an Individual Public Officer (NCGS143-318.1(a)(6)).**

**Supervisor Reports**

**Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Social Services Board is scheduled for June 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Department of Social Services.

**Adjournment**

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~~SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING MINUTES~~

The Caswell County Department of Social Services Board held its monthly meeting on April 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Caswell County Department of Social Services. In attendance were: Mr. David Owen, Vice Chairman; Mr. David Shatterly; Mrs. Patricia Thompson; Mrs. Tammy Paschal, Administrative Officer and Ms. Dianne Moorefield, Secretary to the Board. Absent were Mr. Jeremiah Jeffries and Mrs. Ethel Gwynn.

Mr. Owen, Vice Chairman led the meeting. He called the meeting to Order at 9:00 a.m. The Agenda for the meeting was approved upon a motion by Mr. Shatterly and second by Mrs. Thompson. The Minutes of the meeting held March 16, 2021 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Mr. Owen and second by Mr. Shatterly. There was no public address to the Board.

Budget Amendment #9, a CP&L allocation of \$500.00 and a reduction of \$16,637.00 in Fuel Emergencies/CIP funds was approved upon a motion by Mrs. Thompson and second by Mr. Shatterly.

It was reported that no overtime was paid in the April payroll and that the vacant In-Home Aide position has been filled. The new employee is expected to begin work May 3, 2021. Board Members were informed about a CPS situation involving an infant. They were also informed that Mr. Shatterly's term as a Board Member is expiring. He is eligible for reappointment should he choose to apply.

The County is reopening offices to the public effective May 2021. Board Members were informed that DSS will be returning to a normal schedule with all staff returning to their previous work schedules. The Foster Care Unit is beginning a MAPP class to be held at the Senior Center. This is the required training for families desiring to become foster parents. Board Members were also informed that candidates have been selected for the Income Maintenance vacant position.

Information was provided regarding a Civil Rights complaint filed against the agency related to age discrimination.

The budget schedule for the agency was discussed and Board Members advised that they would like to hold a meeting to review the proposed budget.

Supervisor reports were reviewed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Social Services Board is May 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Department of Social Services.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Thompson and second by Mr. Shatterly, the meeting of the Caswell County Social Services Board was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

X Jeremiah Jeffries

Mr. Jeremiah Jeffries, Chairman

Date: 5/18/2021

X Dianne Moorefield

Ms. Dianne Moorefield, Secretary

Date: 5/18/2021

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The Caswell County Department of Social Services Board held a special meeting on May 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to review the agency's proposed budget for SFY 2021-2022. In attendance were: Mr. Jeffries, Chairman; Mr. David Owen; Mr. David Shatterly; Mrs. Patricia Thompson; Mrs. Tammy Paschal, Administrative Officer and Ms. Dianne Moorefield; Secretary to the Board. Absent was Mrs. Ethel Gwynn.

Mr. Jeffries called the meeting to Order at 9:00 a.m. Board Members were presented a copy of the agency's proposed budget.

During the review of the budget, Board Members were informed that effective October 1, 2021, changes to federal law under the Family First Prevention Services Act, will limit reimbursement for certain congregate care placements to the initial fourteen (14) days of the placement. After 14 days we will not be able to receive the 75% reimbursement for the cost of care so the county will bear the entire cost. The State is proposing to assume paying 50% of the costs but that has not yet been confirmed. If the State does reimburse counties for 50% of the costs, we will still incur a 25% decrease in reimbursement. This 25% reduction in reimbursement has increased our foster care budget by approximately \$55,000.00.

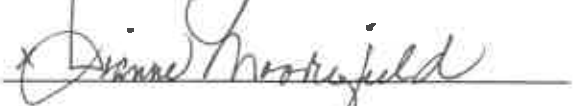
Impacts of changes in the Medicaid program are also reflected in this year's budget. Eligibility Audits of Timeliness and Accuracy, Medicaid Expansion, Medicaid Managed Care and the Federal Marketplace Special enrollment Period were all considered. In addition to programmatic changes, the agency is experiencing turnover among Medicaid staff. Audits for timeliness and accuracy assume more importance as counties can be held financially responsible for benefits authorized in error. One Supervisor is no longer sufficient for completing required second party reviews on cases, providing training needed to promote accuracy and to manage the day to day work needed to manage the work of a unit that consists of 9 employees. Therefore, an additional Supervisor's position is being requested. County cost for this position is \$19,500.00 with the remaining 50% cost being state funding. Staff turnover, the added responsibility and accountability require the addition of a second supervisor in the Medicaid program.

Upon a motion by Mr. Owen and second by Mrs. Thompson the Social Services unanimously approved the proposed budget.

Upon a motion by Mr. Owen and second by Mr. Shatterly the meeting of the Social Services Board was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:  
  
Mr. Jeremiah Jeffries, Chairman

Date: 5/18/2021

  
Ms. Dianne Moorefield, Secretary

Date: 5/18/2021