

Forsyth County Department of Social Services Minutes
April 23, 2008

Present

Florence Corpening, Board Chair, Claudette Weston, R. Michael Wells, Joe Raymond, Brenda Evans, Pat Read, Dave Plyler, Wes Young, Jean Irvin, Scott Wierman, Rob Robinson, Ava Smith-Pegues

The Call to Order was given by Florence Corpening at 8:35am.

Information

Staff Introductions were:

Dawn Creason announced Diane Wrenn's (Income Maintenance worker) retirement effective April 30.

Suggestions were made by the Director and Board Members to acknowledge retiring staff through:

- Certificates
- Newspaper acknowledgement (donated by the Board, if needed) to include research publications, notice in retiree's hometown newspaper, and digital email to DSS staff

There were no public comments.

The Director requested that all review the Board Data Report.

Consent

The March minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Plyler, second by Mr. Wells.

Board Policy Compliance Report – The Director reported that KBR Charitable Trust has again approved a \$130,000 grant to DSS for operating funds to provide assistance for individuals whose needs cannot be met by other resources.

The Director reported on the Benchmark Report and stated that the Child Support Collections unit will look into bringing in a consultant.

There were no action items.

Strategic

The Director reminded about the May 20 Budget Meeting, and touched on the:

- Continuation budget
- Placeholder request for IT

Possible New Board Policy – the Director asked Board to study enclosed *Draft Board of Social Services Ethics Policy* dated April 23, 2008 and be prepared to take action at the May meeting.

Information Technology Recommendations

Rob Robinson, Director, Forsyth County MIS, reported that

- DSS has articulated to his designers the department's needs and what it should look like
- Main goal is to eliminate paper in 2-3 years
- Program design will be turbo-tax like
- Looking into sharing with other counties to be more cost effective
- The pilot demonstrated to the Board is only one section of the Adult Medicaid program

Ms. Corpening stated that the Board should help DSS make the point to the County to fund the budget.

Forsyth Futures Presentation

Jean Irvin and Scott Wierman presented an overview of the recently published *Making Progress in Forsyth County*, pointing out that the 41 indicators in the report came from community residents and, promoting public policy needs to be part of the Forsyth Futures body of work going forward.

Ms. Corpening suggested the Forsyth Futures presentation be considered for the Reynolda Rotary.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30. Motion by Mr. Plyler, second by Mr. Wells.