Chatham County Board of Social Services
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2019

In Attendance: Richard Edwards, Chair; Thomas Droke, Vice Chair; Valerie Broadway, Member; Sara Welch, Economic Services Administrator; Cim Brailer, Family Services Administrator; Nikia Bland, CCCC E&T Presenter and Nancy Burgess, Executive Assistant.

Richard Edwards called the meeting to order.

Thomas Droke motioned to approve the March minutes with a second motion from Valerie Broadway; all in favor.

**Items of Discussion:**

The Board reviewed the Monthly Data Snapshot.

The Board discussed the lack of applications for the vacant seat and agreed to repost for potential candidates.

**Sara Welch presented Economic Services updates:**

Medicaid managed care transformation, “soft launch” was moved from early to late June. The soft launch will be the release of information to beneficiaries about Prepaid Health Plan selection. Information had already been sent out regarding address verification.

The Division of Social Services is encouraging county DSS agencies and Workforce Development Boards to meet for a conversation about Food and Nutrition Employment and Training and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programming. USDA requires dual enrollment in FNS E&T and WIOA whenever possible. A meeting with Triangle South Workforce Development Board staff, CCCC E&T staff, EDSI (the WIOA provider) and staff from the Career Center.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was released for two economic services contracts. Due to new federal rules, the county will have to have RFP’s for most contracts. The Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation contract and the legal contract for Child Support will be bid and selection will take place in May.
Cim Brailler presented Family Services updates:

On May 30 there will be an Elder Abuse Awareness month event held at the Senior Center in Pittsboro.

The child welfare unit had seen a significant workload increase. For the month of April (as of 4/12) 21 of 23 reports were accepted. In March, 33 reports were accepted. Average monthly accepted CPS reports for last year was 22.6. Numbers of children in foster care reached a record high, with 117 children currently in custody. Average last year was 85 children. In the past two weeks, two social workers and one supervisor resigned which added some additional burden to the remaining social workers and supervisors. In order to provide assistance, two clinical positions were reallocated to investigations/assessments and foster care/in home. Social work interns may also be able to continue in the summer. Also, two new assessment and investigations social workers will be starting in early May. Child Protective Services Investigations/Assessments timeliness for March was 81%. Six cases were late, two of which were within 2 hours.

Revised MOU documents were released for FY 19-20. All adult services and children’s services performance measures were removed for next year as data for these programs were not yet been validated.

Nikia Bland presented information regarding Central Carolina Community College program on Education and Training.

There was a motion to adjourn from Thomas Droke with a second motion from Valerie Broadway.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15th at 3:00pm in the DSS Board Conference Room.

Chair

Secretary

Date

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