

Minutes
Forsyth County Department of Social Services
January 28, 2009

Call to Order

Present: Florence Corpening, Dave Plyler, Mike Wells, Walter Marshall, Claudette Weston, Joe Raymond, Brenda Evans, Kenneth Brown, Tanya McDougal, Melinda Hartley, Pat Read, Daphne Taylor, Gloria Woods, Ava Smith-Pegues

Information

Introduced: Vicki Ceneviva, new employee Income Maintenance Caseworker, Adult Division. Janice McKnight retires February 28 after 26 years.

There were no public comments.

Carmelita Burrell is new Employee of the Quarter for the 3rd quarter. Carmelita was nominated and selected for her outstanding work as LINKS Coordinator.

Consent

The November and December 2008 minutes were approved on a motion by Dave Plyler, second by Mike Wells. The Director reviewed the January Board Policy Compliance Report and the Benchmark Report.

Action

The Director reported that DSS is requesting 10 positions in the 2009 - 2010 budget (Food and Nutrition - 4, Child Protective Services - 3, Adult Medicaid - 3). A detailed justification and cost estimate was provided. The board had a lengthy conversation about the large increase in DSS workload due to the economic situation of the community, the projected costs of these positions, the small % of these costs that are county dollars and the ultimate large return of Federal and State dollars and the impact of these programs on the local Forsyth County economy. The board requested that a more detailed ROI analysis be done on the total economic impact of all DSS programs and services. Upon a motion by Walter Marshall that was seconded by Claudette Weston, the board voted unanimously to support the Director's request for these 10 new positions.

The Director updated the board about on-going information technology planning.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. upon a motion by Walter Marshall and second by Mike Wells.