

May 21, 2008
Franklin, NC 28734

Social Services Board met this date in regular session. Members in attendance were Dom D'Ascoli, Wendy Dalton, Mark West and Secretary. Meeting was called to order by Chairman D'Ascoli.

Minutes from the April 16 meeting were briefly reviewed. Closed Session minutes were amended to include a word that was missing. Regular Session minutes and amended Closed Session minutes of the April 16, 2008 board meeting were approved on motion of Wendy Dalton and second by Mark West.

Year to date financials were reviewed. Budget proposal for next fiscal year was updated. County Manager and Finance Director have presented recommendations to County Commissioners for adoption of budget in June. Foster care board payments are budgeted to increase over 200% in county funds. Number of children in foster care is expected to reach 60 by fiscal year end, which is a 500% growth in less than 4 years.

Secretary shared reports on caseload growths in income maintenance programs for the past year. Food Stamps and Medicaid graph reports show upward trends in all areas. Board expressed appreciation for reports and requested additional information.

Department is currently undergoing several audits primarily in the foster care program. 3 cases were pulled from the statewide random sample for the federal IV-E audit. The local single cost auditor has requested to review over 10 foster care cases. If any of the cases are found in error, the county could have fiscal paybacks.

Board went into Closed Session for personnel and confidential case matters on motion of Mark West and second by Wendy Dalton. Board returned from Closed Session.

Secretary presented a recommended respite policy for foster children in the custody of Macon County DSS. Board requested the phrase for any length of time be removed from the last bullet. Mark West made motion to approve policy as amended and Wendy Dalton seconded. Motion carried.

Next Board meeting is being rescheduled from June 18 to Monday, June 30 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room. Proper notices of meeting change will be sent.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED By:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date