

DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Minutes
October 22, 2009

The Durham County Board of Social Services held its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 22 2009, 9:00 a.m., at the Main Street facility in Conference Room 609L. The following members were in attendance: Vice Chair Newman Aguiar, Mrs. Gloria S. Green, Commissioner Joe W. Bowser, and Mr. Stan Holt.

The Department was represented by the following:

Mrs. Gerri Robinson, Mrs. Sharon Hirsch, Mrs. Toni Pedroza, Mrs. Carol Hunt, Ms. Rhonda Stevens and Ms. Montrella R. Springfield.

Chair Gladys Dunston received an excused absence.

The meeting was officially called to order by Vice Chair Newman Aguiar. Vice Chair Aguiar asked for amendments to the agenda. The agenda stands as printed.

There were no public comments. The media was not present.

Toni Pedroza presented the DSS Board the Results Based Accountability Report for FY08-09.

Results & DSS Expenditures July 2008 - June 2009

Administration

2008-2009 FY Budget:	\$	6,098,249.00	
4th Qtr. Projection:	\$	6,098,249.00	100%
4th Qtr. Actuals:	\$	5,456,078.13	89%
Salaries:	\$	2,793,535.62	
Operating:	\$	1,170,251.38	
Rent Bldg / Park Spaces:	\$	309,028.50	
Contracted Services:	\$	694,417.06	
Training / Travel:	\$	396,665.24	
Computers / Software:	\$	92,180.33	

Services

2008-2009 FY Budget:	\$	39,263,280.00	
4th Qtr. Projection:	\$	39,263,280.00	100%
4th Qtr. Actuals:	\$	37,697,509.37	96%
Salaries:	\$	13,238,086.53	
Services:		\$527,591.47	
Child Care:		\$21,066,965.74	
Contracted Services:	\$	2,864,865.63	
	Adult Services	\$2,279,497.89	
	Work First	\$275,084.09	
	DACCA	\$241,036.65	
	Community Initiatives	\$69,247.00	

Public Assistance

2008-2009 FY Budget:	\$	343,792,090.00
4th Qtr. Projection:	\$	343,792,090.00 100%
4th Qtr. Actuals:	\$	311,786,870.56 91%
Salaries:	\$	6,355,581.55
Assistance:	\$	6,344,137.40
Medicaid:	\$	262,434,429.28
Work First:	\$	1,868,469.59
Food Stamps:	\$	33,277,607.32
Contracted Services:	\$	1,506,645.42
Foster Care	\$	1,352,558.44
American Red Cross	\$	154,086.98

Child Support

2008-2009 FY Budget:	\$	2,776,495.00
4th Qtr. Projection:	\$	2,776,495.00 100%
4th Qtr. Actuals:	\$	2,191,203.70 79%
Salaries:	\$	2,048,946.71
Contracted Services:	\$	142,256.99

Ms. Pedroza also informed the DSS Board on the following:

- History
- DSS Results and Indicators
- Program Specific Goals

The DSS Board agrees this is a great tool to measure where the agency is currently and the guidelines for the future.

Concerns continue with child care funding. A motion was made to continue to serve children on the wait list in the six priority groups. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. The DSS Board will continue to monitor on a monthly basis.

Chair Report

Board member Stan Holt will send the DSS Board and Leadership Team a draft of the governance policy process. The Staff relations to the policy will be sent in November and the executive limitation policy in December.

The Board requested a report on stimulus money disbursement for the November meeting.

Director's Report

Gerri Robinson reported on the following area:

1. DSS has fifty-seven vacancies
 - Freeze exemption request will be limited until the first of the year;
 - The County has approved requested positions and;
 - Recruitment for the assistant director position has been extended. The position should be filled by March 2010.
2. Child Care
 - Report will be sent to the DSS Board before presenting the Board of County Commissioners.
 - Staff continues to pick up children from the waiting list.
3. H1N1 & Continuity of Operation Plan is being updated
 - Toni Pedroza will lead the project
4. Results Based Accountability (RBA)
 - Partnership survey is being developed;
 - Customer service surveys are at the 90% level for most Divisions and;
 - Leadership Team will begin work on RBA updates.

Assistant Director's Report

Communication, Development & Customer Information Division - Sharon Hirsch (Written Report)

DSS accomplishments are being submitted for the County's Annual Major Accomplishments Publication.

November is National Adoption Month. The proclamation will be on the October 26, 2009 Board of County Commissioners Agenda.

Family Economic Independence - Rhonda Stevens (Written Report)

Work First implemented a new pay after performance program for cases in which the adult is included on the benefits.

DACCA continues to serve children in the six groups on the priority list. As on October 12, 2009, 2500 children were waiting for service.

The Qualitative and Quantitative Medicaid Rating Report will be forwarded after the meeting. Vice Chair Aguiar raised a question about how Food and Nutrition and Medicaid staff are coping with the increase caseloads. He requested management to monitor absences, relocating to other programs and resignations and report back to the Board.

Family Safety and Permanence - Carol Hunt - (Written Report)

The Computer4Kids Program received twenty-nine computers and twenty five computers have been distributed to children. USB Drives are given to the children to save their work. Some of the children do not have internet access. Vice Chair Aguiar is working with a committee about internet access. Ms. Hirsch will communicate with community partners about providing free internet services for children in their home.

Thanksgiving and Share Your Christmas programs have begun and the goal is to serve 600 households for Thanksgiving and 1300 households for Christmas. Vice Chair Aguiar suggested convening a meeting with others in the community to unite as one resource. Mrs. Hunt reported the suggestion was initiated but the interest was minimal.

Vice Chair Aguiar inquired about other concerns. Board member Gloria S. Green conveyed the importance of receiving reports from other programs. Mrs. Robinson will meet with staff and restructure the report to contain requested information.

Vice Chair Aguiar requested a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Joe W. Bowser to adjourn the regular meeting seconded by Board member Gloria S. Green. All DSS Board members approved.

Respectfully submitted

Chairperson

Date

Secretary to the Board

Date