

**Cherokee County Department of Social Services**

**Board of Directors**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**June 18, 2019**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Cherokee County Department of Social Services was duly called and held on June 18, 2019, at 6:45 P.M., at 4800 West Highway 64, Murphy, N.C. 28906.

**Present were:**

Gary Westmoreland, Chair

Cal Stiles, Member

Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, Member

C.B. McKinnon, Member

**Staff present were:**

Amanda Tanner-McGee, DSS Director

Andria Duncan, DSS Attorney

Amanda Rhodes, Clerk

Chairman Westmoreland called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Clerk to the Board, Amanda Rhodes, recorded the minutes.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Modification of Agenda**

There were no modifications made to the agenda.

**IV. Agenda Adoption**

Commissioner Dan Eichenbaum made a motion to accept the Agenda, Commissioner Cal Stiles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, with a unanimous vote, the Board approved the agenda.

**V. Public Forum**

There were no Board or public comments or questions.

**VI. Minutes May 21, 2019**

The May 21, 2019 DSS Board meeting minutes were approved, Commissioner Stiles made a motion to accept, Commissioner Eichenbaum 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, with a unanimous vote the Board approved the May 21, 2019 DSS Board meeting minutes.

**VII. New Business**

**A. 2019-2020 Memorandum of Understanding and Proposed Cherokee County Letter**

Director McGee discussed Memorandum of Understanding letter from DHHS. Commissioner Stiles made a motion to sign the MOU, with no one in favor.

**B. North Carolina Association of County Boards of Social Services membership**

Director McGee discussed the \$300.00 cost of membership to the NC County Boards of Social Services. Commissioner Westmoreland made motion to accept, Commissioner Stiles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, with all in favor.

**C. Child Care Waiting List Policy**

Director McGee presented the Child Care Waiting List Policy regarding daycare services. Commissioner Stiles made a motion to accept, Commissioner Eichenbaum 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, with all in favor of the Child Care Waiting List Policy. Commissioner Westmoreland signed the document.

## **VIII. Directors Report**

Director McGee provided the Board with the Director's Report.

### **1. REAL Training**

A meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2019 with Blue Ridge Community College, Tri-County Community College, The Duke Endowment, and collaborating DSS Agencies.

### **2. Medicaid Managed Care**

- a.** Director McGee briefly discussed how approximately 1.6 million of the 2.1 million beneficiaries will begin to move into the new Medicaid managed care system.
  
- b.** Director McGee the NCACC report including the recommendations related to the Tailored Plan health coverage. This plan provides coverage for beneficiaries with the most significant behavioral health needs under the State's new Medicaid Managed Care system.

### **3. Legal Update**

#### **DSS Court May 20, 2019:**

Attorney Duncan discussed the DSS Court date May 20, 2019. There were 8 cases resolved with memorandums; 7 cases were continued for clients or other information needed; 6 non-secure custody orders entered and scheduled for adjudication; 6 slow petitions continued to allow for compliance; 3 cases were continued to obtain the final report for the forensic evaluation; 2 cases were continued because Court ran out of time; 8 cases were adjudicated; 1 suspension visitation hearing continued due to the Respondent Parent failing to appear for court; 1 Termination of Parental Rights hearing; 1 adoption review for case closure.

#### **Child Support Court May 14, 2019:**

Attorney Duncan provided the Board with a legal update regarding Child Support Court on May 14, 2019. There were 4 cases continued to establish or to monitor income withholding; 2 were continued for payment; 1 continued for tax intercept; 7 continued

for further information' 4 continued for attorneys; 9 were dismissed for cause; 1 jail hearing with condition release set; 11 orders for arrest issued; 1 review of a conditional release order which the party was in compliance; and the remainder of the cases were resolved by memorandum.

Attorney Duncan discussed that child support initiatives are in progress and are close to meeting the monetary MOU goals.

**IX. Statistical Report**

Director McGee provided the statistical report for May 2019.

**X. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M. with Commissioner Cal Stiles making a motion to adjourn, Commissioners Westmoreland 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all in favor. The next DSS Board Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 P.M. on July 16, 2019 at the Department of Social Services.

**\*\*These minutes were approved at the July 16, 2019 DSS Board Meeting\*\***