

**Cherokee County Department of Social Services**

**Board of Directors**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**April 20, 2021**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Cherokee County Department of Social Services was duly called and held on April 20, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., at 4800 West Highway 64, Murphy, N.C. 28906.

**Present were:**

Dan Eichenbaum, Member

Cal Stiles, Member

Jan Griggs, Member

Dawn McCurdy, Guardian ad Litem

Connie Lance, Guardian ad Litem

**Staff present were:**

Amanda Tanner-McGee, DSS Director

Andria Duncan, DSS Attorney

Amanda Rhodes, Clerk to the Board

Mrs. Griggs called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M., and Amanda Rhodes, Clerk to the Board recorded the minutes.

**II. Modification of Agenda**

There was no modification to the agenda.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

Mr. Eichenbaum made a motion to adopt the agenda, with Mr. Stiles seconding the motion, with a unanimous vote, the Board approved the agenda.

#### **IV. Public Forum**

There was no Board or public comments or questions.

#### **V. Approval of Minutes**

##### **March 16, 2021**

Mr. Stiles made a motion to accept, Mrs. Griggs seconding the motion, with a unanimous vote the Board approved the March 16, 2021 DSS Board meeting minutes.

#### **VI. Old Business**

##### **a. Vaya Health/DSS One Home Initiative**

Director McGee informed the Board that the One Home Initiative has officially launched and she continues to receive positive feedback from the foster families. At this time, there are currently four to five children in foster homes that are receiving therapeutic wrap-around services offered through the One Home Initiative Program. Director McGee also informed the Board that CCDSS has also been invited to a conference at Duke University to discuss the One Home Initiative.

##### **b. Medicaid Transformation**

Director McGee informed the Board of the upcoming changes in Medicaid. These changes were discussed last year, but was unable to go into effect as planned at that time. Director McGee discussed that Medicaid is now moving forward with the managed care and that CCDSS is prepared to address any questions and concerns regarding Medicaid.

#### **VII. New Business**

##### **a. DSS Building Space Projections**

Director McGee provided the Board with the initial floor plan from the architect and discussed the cost of the renovation. The Board discussed that the proposed cost was too high, but was willing to consider renovating at least the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to make it more functional.

**b. HIPAA Policies**

Director McGee provided the Board with the CCDSS HIPAA policies and reported that CCDSS is completely HIPAA certified. Director McGee discussed that she had also met with the I.T. Department to ensure all electronic communications are secure. Mrs. Griggs made a motion to approve the CCDSS HIPAA Policies, with Mr. Stiles seconding the motion, and all in favor of approving the CCDSS HIPAA Policies.

**VIII. Director's Report/Statistical Report**

Director McGee provided the statistical report for March, 2021.

**IX. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P.M. with Mr. Stiles making a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Griggs seconding the motion, and all in favor.