

Cherokee County Department of Social Services

Board of Directors

MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2021

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Cherokee County Department of Social Services was duly called and held on May 18, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., at 4800 West Highway 64, Murphy, N.C. 28906.

Present were:

Dan Eichenbaum, Chair

Gary Westmoreland, Member

Cal Stiles, Member

Randy Phillips, Member

Jan Griggs, Member

Staff present were:

Amanda Tanner-McGee, DSS Director

Andria Duncan, DSS Attorney

Amanda Rhodes, Clerk to the Board

Mr. Eichenbaum called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., and Amanda Rhodes, Clerk to the Board recorded the minutes.

II. Modification of Agenda

Director McGee requested to add the Energy Plan and the REDA Audit to the New Business Section of the agenda.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Stiles made a motion to adopt the agenda with the requested modifications, with Mrs. Griggs seconding the motion and with all in favor, the Board approved the agenda as modified.

IV. Public Forum

There was no Board or public comments or questions.

V. Approval of Minutes

April 20, 2021

Mrs. Griggs made a motion to accept, Mr. Stiles seconding the motion, with a unanimous vote the Board approved the April 20, 2021 DSS Board meeting minutes.

VI. New Business

A. One Home Vaya Contract, Fiscal Year 21-22

Director McGee informed the Board of the One Home Initiative Contract for the upcoming fiscal year 2021-2022. Mrs. Griggs made a motion to accept, Mr. Phillips seconding the motion, with all in favor of approving the One-Home Initiative Contract with Vaya.

B. MAPS Group DSS Director position recommendation by MAPS Group

Director McGee requested the Board to consider the next ten years and the need to evaluate the pay grade of the DSS Director position. Director McGee discussed that the minimum hiring salary of the DSS Director is well below average and there is not an opportunity for applicants to negotiate the salary during the hiring process.

C. Energy Plan

Director McGee briefly discussed the concept of the Energy Plan how CCDSS intends to inform the community of available Energy Plan services. Mr.

Westmoreland made a motion to approve, Mrs. Griggs seconding the motion, with all in favor of the Energy Plan.

D. REDA Audit

Director McGee informed the Board of one non-compliance found in Family Planning which will require a corrective action and a payback in the amount of \$301.96.

VII. Director's Report/Statistical Report

Director McGee provided the statistical report for April, 2021.

VIII. Closed Session

Motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Westmoreland to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a) (3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. With no action items having been requested and no action taken on any item the closed session was adjourned at 7:59 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Stiles and seconded by Mrs. Griggs, with all in favor. The open session resumed and with no other business on the agenda.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 P.M. with Mrs. Griggs making a motion to adjourn, Mr. Stiles seconding the motion, and all in favor.