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MINUTES FOR MEETING OF
THE HOKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD
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A meeting of the Hoke County Department of Social Services (the “*Board*”) was held at 4:00 p.m. on February 19, 2018 in the Commissioners Room located in the County Administration Building (Pratt Building) at 227 N. Main St, Raeford NC, pursuant to notice duly given. The following Board Members (“**BM**”), constituting a quorum, were present:

Carl Pevia, Chair
Charlotte Kelly, Vice-Chair
Bill Evans
Allen Thomas, Jr.
Brenda Branch

Also present representing the Department were Becky Morrow, Interim Director of the Hoke County Department of Social Services; Jonathan Charleston, Department of Social Services Attorney; Barbara Mena-Peña, Administrative Officer; and Ellen Leichliter, Administrative Assistant.

Chair Pevia called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Thereafter, Chair Pevia asked BM Branch to give the invocation. Chair Pevia noted there were no public comments. Chair Pevia asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice-Chair Kelly made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of (a) the January 29, 2018 minutes; and (b) the next meeting date of March 26, 2018. BM Evans seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Pevia asked Interim Director Morrow to present the Day Care discussion. Ms. Morrow presented the January 2018 statistics for DCDEE (Division of Child Development and Early Education) including the amount of \$198,433.00 for non-Smart Start and the \$14,550.00 for Smart Start; a total of \$212,983.00 with a spending coefficient of 104%. Non-Smart Start unexpended funds were \$748,428.00; Smart Start unexpended funds were \$22,704.00. Interim Director Morrow stated we are monitoring the spending and the number of children on the waiting list was twenty-four (24) at the end of January 2018.

Chair Pevia asked Interim Director Morrow for the Medicaid Special Assistance audit update. Interim Director Morrow provided a preliminary monitor findings report to the Board. Interim Director Morrow said the county will have to pay one-half of the twenty-two thousand, one hundred, fifty-two dollars (\$22,152) amount; Interim Director Morrow said we are now in a corrective action plan as the state will come in and continue to monitor our cases for six to twelve (6-12) months. The Board discussed the preliminary monitor findings and corrective action plan. Interim Director Morrow also provided a preliminary single audit report to the Board. Ms. Morrow shared the preliminary findings included the SSI termination report was not being pulled. Ms. Morrow stated she has put in place one Medicaid worker is designated to pull and work the report.

Chair Pevia asked for a motion for a closed session prior to the Director's comments. BM Branch made a motion to go into a closed session to consult with counsel and discuss a personnel matter pursuant to the N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and 143-318.11(a)6, which was seconded by Vice-Chair Kelly. The vote was unanimous. Those in attendance during the closed session included Chair Pevia, Vice-Chair Kelly, BM Evans, BM Thomas, BM Branch, Interim Director Morrow and Mr. Charleston. Vice-Chair Kelly made a motion to exit the closed session which was seconded by BM Branch. The vote to exit closed session was unanimous.

Chair Pevia asked Interim Director Morrow for the Director's comments. Ms. Morrow advises we will hopefully have the budget available for review at our March and April meetings. Interim Director Morrow stated she continues to make improvements in the agency. Ms. Morrow shared she is meeting with the county manager regarding the upcoming budget and positions that are needed.

Chair Pevia shared that he was pleased that the last compensatory accrual report showed a decrease of thirty-three (33%) and hoped this trend continues. Chair Pevia asked about the monthly payment schedule for the attorney fees. Interim Director Morrow confirmed the timeliness.

Chair Pevia asked for a motion to adjourn. BM Thomas made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Vice-Chair Kelly. The vote was unanimous.

Carl Pevia, Chair

Becky Morrow, Secretary

Date