



# PAMLICO COUNTY

## Human Services Center

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***Robert S. Johnson***  
Director

March 25, 2014

DSS Social Services Board Meeting

*Members Present:* Chair, Barbara Fisher, Co-Chair, Paul Delamar, Alma Credle, Pat Nelson-Bullis

*Staff Present:* Bob Johnson - Director, Deborah Jones - Note taker

Barbara Fisher called the meeting to order.

Motion passed to approve the November and February minutes.

The Social Services Board meeting went directly into closed session (Personnel Issue) pursuant to General Statute 143.31811(A)6. No actions were taken to report out.

When the regular Board meeting resumed, Mr. Johnson presented the State wide pending application and review list for Food and Nutrition services. Pamlico County did not have any late reviews and only one late application. The Directors are submitting a letter to the State with regards to the continuing issues with NCFAST. Mr. Johnson presented a copy of the draft to be submitted. The State will be responding to the suggestions presented by the Directors. The main suggestion will be for the Counties to not go live with Medicaid until the problems with NCFAST are worked out.

Larry Maxey reported on the two most recent abuse cases involving taking custody of two babies.

One case involved an 11 month old baby. DSS picked up the child at the hospital after the mother's boyfriend is alleged to have picked up the child breaking her ribs. The child's natural father lives in Kentucky and has no CPS issues recorded. A Home Study has been requested for the father's home. Custody will most likely be given to the father.

A four month old child was also taken into custody with broken ribs. The parents took the child to see another doctor due to their concern over developmental issues. Due to the child's condition, the doctor called DSS and the child was taken into custody. The parents were arrested. There is concern, with this child receiving services from someone else in the county, and the neglect/abuse was not reported to DSS. The News Media reported on the parents arrest incorrectly, stating DSS had been involved since January.

Adult Supervisor, Sheila Stansberry, reported on the CAP program. A CAP Social Worker can handle approximately thirty clients.

We are presently at full capacity for one worker. When the DSS caseload reaches forty five, another Social Worker will be hired. This program helps prevent clients from going into Nursing Level Care Facilities, but allows them to remain in their home instead. There has only been one request for a child to receive CAP, but the child did not go on the program.

The November and February minutes were approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be May 27, 2014