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Director

August 26, 2014 Minutes

DSS Social Services Board Meeting

Members Present: Chair, Barbara Fisher, Vice-Chair, Paul Delamar, Sarah Delap, Angelo Midgette

Staff Present: Bob Johnson – Director, Deborah Jones – Note taker

Chair, Barbara Fisher called the meeting to order. Paul Delamar made a motion to approve the June minutes, second by Sarah Delap.

The meeting was turned over to Bob Johnson for the Director's report.

Director's Report:

- Mr. Johnson had Larry Maxey, CPS Supervisor, come to the meeting to discuss the Day Care Provider investigation initiated by the State. After review by DSS children services and the Children Services licensing board, the Day Care was closed.
- New Board members were introduced. Sarah Delap from the Agriculture Department and Angelo Midgette, chairman on the Senior Center Board.
- Mr. Johnson had Sheila Stansberry, Adult Services Supervisor, discuss Emergency Services. Checks are no longer written out to the client. If receiving assistance, the checks are sent directly to the Energy Supplier. Sheila reviewed the following programs:

Crisis Intervention Program – There is an income and medical need eligibility requirement.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program – December 1st thru January 31st, applications are taken for individuals receiving assistance through the Division of Aging. February 1st thru March 31st, anyone can come in and apply. Applications are approved if they meet income eligibility requirements.

Food Needs – DSS works closely with the Salvation Army and Fishes & Loaves. DSS has a small food pantry. Items are collected from DSS employees. In order to “dress down” each employee must bring in five food items.

- Since Liannie Torres has been hired, DSS has seen an increase in the Hispanic population in the agency. Liannie does a very good job interpreting and in meeting the needs of our Hispanic clients.
- DSS is unable to help with housing needs such as rental assistance or establishment of utilities. Citizens must go to Twin Rivers Opportunity to apply for housing assistance. Few home owners want to participate with rental properties due to all the rule requirements.
- Hard launch for Medicaid into NC Fast will be Sept. 8th. We have been promised an Over-the-Shoulder worker from the State. This worker will be with us for the first week after launch.
- FNC continues to progress well in meeting NC Fast timelines. We have no applications still held up at the state level.

The next Board meeting will be on September 23, 2014.