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MINUTES FOR MEETING OF

THE HOKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

November 29, 2021

A meeting of the Hoke County Department of Social Services (the "**Board**") was held at 4:00 p.m. on November 29, 2021 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:

Allen Thomas, Jr., Chair
Virginia Chason
Brenda Branch
Linda Revels
Harry Southerland

Also present representing the Department were Terry Stanton, Director of DSS; Barbara Mena-Peña, Administrative Officer; Tera Campbell, Personnel Tech; Tammy Brewer, Family Support Services; and Jonathan Charleston, Department of Social Services Attorney.

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed the Board to this month's meeting. Thereafter, Chair Thomas asked Director Stanton to explain the Budget Amendment. Director Stanton spoke about the Low Income Household Water Assistant Program (LIHWAP) Budget Amendment. Chair Thomas asked if there were any questions for Director Stanton. There were none. Chair Thomas asked for a motion to add the LIHWAP Budget Amendment to the Consent agenda as Item 4c. BM Revels made the motion which was seconded by Vice-Chair Branch. The vote was unanimous. Chair Thomas gave the invocation.

Chair Thomas asked for public comments. There were none. Chair Thomas brought to the Board's attention the next meeting under the Consent agenda. He asked if there were any objections to the next meeting date being Monday, December 13, 2021 which was scheduled due to the Christmas holiday. The Board objected to the December 13, 2021 and agreed that Monday, December 20, 2021 will be a better date for next month's meeting. Chair Thomas asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda with the changes. BM Southerland made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of (a) the October 25, 2021 minutes (b) the next meeting date changed to Monday, December 20, 2021 and (c) the Low Income Household

Water Assistant Program (LIHWAP) Budget Amendment, which was seconded by BM Revels. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Thomas asked for the Child Care update from Ms. Tammy Brewer. Ms. Brewer stated she does not have any expenditures to report. Ms. Brewer stated that State sent expenditure amounts on November 18, 2021 but then stated the numbers were incorrect. Ms. Brewer reported that Child Care did receive additional funds in the amount of \$391,202.00 for Non-Smart Start. She stated that the total funds for Non-Smart Start for the year was \$2,443,882.00 and there is still no waiting list. Ms. Brewer also reported that State continues to pay the parental fees for Child Care until January service month. Chair Thomas asked if the Board had any questions. There were none. Chair Thomas thanked Ms. Brewer for her time.

Chair Thomas asked for the Coronavirus (COVID19) Update and Director's Presentation from Director Stanton. Director Stanton informed the Board that the agency continues to come along as it has been. Director Stanton informed the Board that the agency continues to have some exposure and positive cases which has come from outside the agency. He stated the agency continues to have preventive measures in place.

Director Stanton directed everyone to the County – Mandated Performance Requirements Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in the handout. The Board reviewed the October 2021 data and measurements of the MOA report. Director Stanton elaborated on the MOA.

Director Stanton mentioned to the Board about a conflict with a couple of next year, 2022, Board meeting dates. It was discussed. Chair Thomas asked if the Board had any questions for Director Stanton. BM Southerland asked about the status of the county corrections for a Medicaid audit. Director Stanton responded. BM Southerland mentioned the issue the agency has with emergency housing for a Foster Care child. Director Stanton responded and it was discussed. Chair Thomas asked about options the agency provides in the event someone's house burns down and loses everything. Director Stanton responded and it was discussed.

Chair Thomas asked if there were any other comments. There were none. Chair Thomas asked for a motion to adjourn. BM Revels made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Vice-Chair Branch. The vote was unanimous.

Allen Thomas, Jr, Chair

Micka T. Stanton, Secretary

Date