

**Cherokee County Department of Social Services**

**Board of Directors**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**April 19, 2022**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Cherokee County Department of Social Services was duly called and held on April 19, 2022, at 6:31 P.M., at 4800 West Highway 64, Murphy, N.C. 28906.

**Present were:**

Dan Eichenbaum, Chair

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 6:31 P.M., and Amanda Rhodes, Clerk to the Board recorded the minutes.

**II. Modification of Agenda**

Director McGee requested to add the salary increase that was previously approved at the February, 2022 meeting under the minutes section below. Mrs. Griggs made a motion to modify the agenda as requested, with Mr. Phillips seconding the motion, and all in favor.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

Mrs. Griggs made a motion, with Mr. Phillips seconding the motion, with a unanimous vote, the Board approved the agenda as modified.

**IV. Public Forum**

No Board or public comments

**V. Approval of Minutes**

**March 22, 2022**

Mrs. Griggs made a motion to accept, Mr. Phillips seconding the motion, with a unanimous vote the Board approved the March 22, 2022 DSS Board meeting minutes.

**Modification to the Agenda: Salary approval in February, 2022**

Director McGee and the Board discussed the previously approved salary adjustments in child welfare. The current social workers received a 14% salary increase and the social workers hired in as trainees received a 10% increase. Mr. Phillips made a motion to accept, Mrs. Griggs second, with all in favor.

**VI. DSS Foster Care *Walk Me Home* fundraiser event on May 21, 2022**

**A. DSS Foster Care *Walk Me Home* fundraiser event May 21, 2022.**

Director McGee reported to the Board that thus far, there has been approximately 80 donations which have totaled to over \$15,000.00 to the *Walk Me Home* fundraiser.

**B. After Hours CPS Team Launch**

Director McGee reported to the Board that the CPS After Hours Team is overall going well and the morale within the permanency planning unit and CPS unit have improved.

**VII. Status- Recruitment and hiring of open child welfare positions**

**A. Recruitment and Hiring status for After Hours CPS Team**

Director McGee informed the Board that there is currently an open position in Intake as well as in the Child Protective Services unit.

### **VIII. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M. with Mrs. Griggs making a motion to adjourn, Mr. Phillips seconding the motion, and all in favor.