

Cherokee County Department of Social Services

Board Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2023

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Cherokee County Department of Social Services was duly held on June 21, 2023, at 12:00 P.M. at 4800 West Highway 64, Murphy, N.C. 28906.

Present were:

Bo Phillips, Member

Dixie Carter, Member

Pat Ivie, Member

Staff present were:

Amanda Tanner-McGee, DSS Director

Andria Duncan, DSS Attorney

Director McGee called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M., and Amanda Rhodes, Clerk to the Board recorded the minutes.

II. Introductions

Modification of Agenda

Director McGee requested for the “Foster Parent Complaint” section of the Agenda be moved to the end of the meeting and to include a closed session and also requested for the “Legislative Update” section be removed from this Agenda. Mrs. Ivie made a motion to modify the agenda as requested, with Mrs. Carter seconding the motion, with all in favor.

III. Public Forum

No Board or public comments.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Due to the DSS Board Minutes not being available, the Board discussed deferring the minutes to the next meeting. Mrs. Ivie made a motion defer the , with Mrs. Carter seconding the motion, with all in favor.

V. Foster Parent Complaint

VI. Cottage for the Children Update

VII. Legislative Update

VIII. One-Home Update

IX. Adult Services Update

X. Adjourn

XI. Adoption of the Agenda

Mrs. Ivie made a motion to adopt the revised Agenda, Ms. Carter seconded the motion, with all in favor.

XII. DSS Updates

The Department's Statistical Report was provided and Director McGee discussed the terms and details within the report.

In addition, Director McGee provided an overview of the timeframes within child welfare policy, State benchmarks, In-home services, assists requests from other counties, foster care licensing, and adoptions. The Board was informed that the Board of Commissioners recently approved a 4th position for the Adult Protective Services' Unit.

XIII. Board File Set Up

The Board and Director McGee discussed the status of the 2 remaining Board member positions. Director McGee informed the Board that the State will appoint the 4th member and the 5th member position will be advertised and open to applicants for 30 days, and will then be appointed by the existing Board members.

XIV. Meeting Schedule

The Board confirmed with Director McGee that the DSS Board meetings would be held at the DSS Building on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 12 noon.

XV. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M. with Mr. Phillips making a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Ivie seconding the motion, with all in favor.