

CHEROKEE COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

4800 West U.S. Highway 64, Murphy, NC 28906

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**Cherokee County Department of Social Services**

**Board Meeting**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**June 18, 2024**

1. **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Cherokee County Department of Social Services was duly held on June 18, 2024, at 5:02 P.M. at 4800 West Highway 64, Murphy, N.C. 28906.

**Present were:**

Dr. Cathrine Yost

Bo Phillips, Member

James Jallah, Member

Pat Ivie, Member

Dixie Carter, Member

**Staff present were:**

Amanda T. McGee, Director

Tracy Jones, Program Manager

Brandy Clonts, Administrative Officer

1. **Public Forum**

GAL – Connie Lance

1. **Energy Outreach Plan**

The Energy Outreach Plan is how the county notifies our citizens of the available energy programs. Currently there are committee meetings, radio, pamphlets and emails.

There is a Crisis program that provides $600 to each family that meets the state criteria. There is also LIEAP that provides $300, $400 and $500 allotments to clients that meet the state criteria. The programs are 100% reimbursed by DHHS.

Motion was made by Dr. Yost. Seconded by Mrs. Ivie.

Chairman Bo Phillips signed the Energy Program Outreach Plan.

1. **DHHS MOU 24-25**

Director, Amanda McGee discussed the DHHS 2024-2025/2026 MOU. Director McGee recommended the county not sign the MOU and send a letter to elected officials outlining the concerns about the MOU and system-wide problems making achievement of benchmarks impossible to meet.

Motion was made by Dr. Yost. Seconded by Mrs. Pat Ivie.

1. **Approve Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes from April 16, 2024 were approved.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dixie Carter. Seconded by Mrs. Pat Ivie.

1. **DSS Board Report – May**

Board Report reviewed and explained by Director, Amanda T. McGee

1. **Directors Report and DSS Updates**

**\*Record Number of Adoptions / Adoption Promotion Funds\***

Cathrine Thorley completed eleven adoptions in the last fiscal year. DSS received $85,000 for adoption funds to promote adoptions in the new fiscal year.

1. **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM with Mrs. Pat Ivie making a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Dixie Carter seconding the motion, with all in favor.