

**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.

**II. Introductions**

**Present were:**

Bo Phillips, Member

Dixie Carter, Member

Pat Ivie, Member

**Staff present were:**

Amanda Tanner-McGee, DSS Director

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

**Modification of Agenda**

Director McGee requested for the “Foster Parent Complaint” section 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.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

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

### **III. Public Forum**

No Board or public comments.

### **IV. Approval of the Minutes**

Director McGee requested for the Board to defer the minutes to the next scheduled DSS Board meeting as there were no minutes available at the time of this meeting. Mrs. Ivie made a motion and Mrs. Carter seconded the motion, with all in favor.

### **V. Cottage for the Children Update**

Director McGee informed the Board that the front and back decks at the Cottage have now been completed and the water and power are hooked up. Once a final inspection is completed, the Cottage will receive a certificate of occupancy and will be accessible. Director McGee discussed having internet access at the Cottage for cameras and security.

### **VI. One-Home Update**

Director McGee provided a brief overview of the One Home Project and the recent changes that have taken place. Since the One-Home Project's change in ownership, the expected cost of the One Home service increased to approximately \$100,000 per year. Director McGee informed the Board that the One Home services would be too expensive for the Department to continue to partake in.

### **VII. Adult Services Update**

Adult Protective Services Supervisor, Daunita Maennle discussed the crisis regarding the Adult Protective Services. Since January, 2023, the APS unit has received an influx of reports regarding the younger generation experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse related issues. As a result of such reports, there is an increase in cases requiring Court involvement which contributes to larger caseloads for the social workers.

## **VIII. Foster Care Complaint**

### **Closed Session**

At 12:45 P.M. a motion was made by Mrs. Carter and seconded by Mrs. Carter to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a) (1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, specifically N.C.G.S. 108A-80, 10A NCAC 69.0101 and 7B-209(1)(b).

## **IX. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:28 P.M. with Mrs. Ivie making a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Carter seconding the motion, with all in favor.