

**Forsyth County Department of Social Services Board Minutes**  
**August 26, 2009**

Present: Dave Plyler, Walter Marshall, Florence Corpening, Brenda Evans, Joe Raymond, Melinda Hartley, Bobbi Bales, Pat Read, Alan Younger

Absent: Claudette Weston, Michael Wells, Sr.

**Information**

The Director welcomed everyone to the meeting in the newly renovated first floor conference room.

Staff introductions included:

- Janice Reich, Child Support Enforcement, retiring September 31 after 31 years.
- Amber McCann, New Daycare Finance employee.

Dave Plyler introduced Alan Younger with Grays Consulting. Mr. Younger talked about the Winston-Salem Street School. The school has 30 students with 10 per class. Last year 12 of the 30 students graduated. Mr. Younger also talked about Deasha's House, run by the Impact Transitional Home and funded by Medicaid. It is an after crisis facility helping clients achieve self-sufficiency during their 6-month stay.

The Director informed that the Family and Children's Medicaid program shows an increase of 15% equaling 3400 households.

The State continues to increase goals for the Child Support Enforcement program.

There are 120 youth needing Level 3 and 4 placements in Forsyth County. Our options are therapeutic foster care. The model is for bio placements with a 120 day cap.

**Consent**

The July minutes were approved. Motion by Mr. Plyler, second by Mr. Marshall.

**Strategic**

North Carolina is changing the Work First Program to "pay after performance", effective October 1, 2009. This means Work First cash assistance recipients MUST participate in 35 hours of work related activity to receive their monthly checks. The 35-hour requirement (which does not include education) is expected to be reached by 50% of the participants. Transition checks will be issued to assist in the change.

The Medicaid card changes are effective October 1. The new card will be issued once a year and contain client name, ID, and ID number.

Forsyth DSS has received a 1 time allocation of 1.8 million dollars of federal stimulus money to expand Child Care services. This funding will provide an additional 300 children with child care through May 31, 2010. Six million dollars is needed to expunge the waiting list.

The Senior Social Worker freeze has been lifted.

The Beacon Analytic contract was approved by Teresa Everhart. We currently have three onsite Beacon staff and expect the increase to be up to 8.

**Action**

Florence Corpening, Chair and Claudette Weston, Vice Chair will remain in office. Motion by Mr. Marshall, second by Mr. Plyler.

The Board went into Executive Session on motion by Mr. Marshall, second by Mr. Plyler.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.