

**DUPLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**Regular Scheduled Meeting**  
**January 25, 2024**  
**8:30 AM**

The Duplin County Board of Social Services met on January 25, 2024 at 8:38 am in the Social Services Board Room located at 423 North Main Street, Kenansville, NC. Prior and Public Notice of the meeting was given in accordance with G.S. 143-318.12.

Board members present for the meeting were Commissioner Jesse Dowe, Chairman, Mr. Ken Jones, Ms. Angela B. Mainor, Ms. Mary M. Morrissey and Ms. Barbara Harris.

DSS staff present were Ms. Annie Murrell, DSS Director; Ms. Dana Bonneville, Administrative Officer; Mrs. Wendy Henderson, Income Maintenance Administrator; Ms. Angie Miller, Administrative Assistant. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jesse Dowe at 8:37 am and the Invocation was given by Ms. Annie Murrell.

**Agenda Approval** – Mr. Ken Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Ms. Angela Mainor. The motion was carried.

**Minutes Approval** – Motion made by Ms. Barbara Harris to approve the December 28, 2023 minutes. Mr. Ken Jones second. The motion was carried.

**Public Comments** – There were no public comments.

Director Murrell introduced Ms. Jessica Edwards, Child Protective Services Program Manager. Ms. Edwards started employment on January 25, 2024.

**Management Team Reports and Director's Update**

The board was emailed a copy of the following reports to review: Expense Report, Personnel Report, Income Maintenance Report, Child Support Report and Services Report.

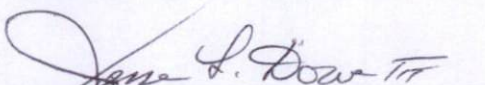
Director Murrell will forward the board members a copy of an email regarding the Medicaid survey that counties submitted to Division of Health and Human Services. The media requested information on Medicaid staffing for all 100 counties and the division submitted the Medicaid survey. Director Murrell will also forward an email for board members to access Medicaid Expansion data for the state and per county.

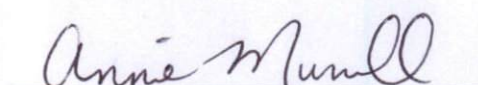
It was the consensus of the board for Director Murrell to request the following positions in the propose budget: clerical workers, administrative assistant or administrator and a deputy director.

Director Murrell discussed plans developed by Hyde County DSS Director to start an emergency foster care facility for youth that are hard to place. The facility will be located in Hyde and is a 40 bed facility. The plan proposes county Department of Social Services will pay \$35,000.00 for one bed. Director Murrell stated the project is in the beginning stages but will keep the board informed as she receives more information.

Director Murrell gave an update on information that she shared at the Commissioners' meeting on January 16, 2024.

Ms. Angela Mainor made a motion to adjourn the meeting until February 29, 2024 at 8:30 am, Mr. Jones second. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dowe at 10:14 am.

  
Commissioner Jesse Dowe, Chairman

  
Director & Clerk to the Board

The foregoing minutes were adopted on: February 29, 2024 2024.