

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2016 MEETING OF THE
CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

The Clayton County Board of Family and Children Services meeting was held on
Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

Members Present

Keesha Dabney
Deborah Lazarus
Keisha Wright-Hill
Tia Simon

Staff Present

Andre Chambers
Donna Cason

Ms. Dabney called the meeting to order and led the invocation.

Audience Participation

None

Minutes

Minutes of the May 25, 2016 meeting were approved.

Program Reports

Social Services

Mr. Chambers went over Social Services report and discussed adoptions and TPR, termination of parental rights and adoptions. Mr. Chambers stated that when first parent parental rights are terminated then case managers will start looking for resources. If the other parent steps up then it will stop the adoption process.

Mr. Chambers informed the board of child fatality believed to be due to unsafe sleeping environment.

Mr. Chambers talked about the new point of contact unit. The workers will be responsible for

finding placement for children.

Eligibility

No OFI information as Ms. Wright was not in attendance. Mr. Chambers discussed some changes to OFI and stated they are planning to hire 18 new employees and will need space. Mr. Chambers said they will be converting training room one into office space and installing cubicles.

Personnel Report

Closed session affidavit signed.

Mr. Chambers went over the report.

Other Matters

Mr. Chambers informed the board that a foster child destroyed one of the foster parents home, and appliances. The foster child has been placed in a facility in Florida.

Mr. Chambers asked for approval to use up to \$3,500 out of county funds to repair damages and replace appliances. The Board members agreed and asked that Donna to get a card for them to sign and send to Ms. Francoise.

Mr. Chambers reminded board members of the meeting and luncheon with Bobby Cagle and other Directors today at 11:45 a.m.

Ms. Dabney shared a flyer for Rainbow House fundraiser for party 31 totes. \$20 of each sale will be donated to the rainbow house.

Ms. Wright-Hill asked for number of employees who have been employed for two years or more so that they can include in letter to the commissioner's office requesting supplements. Mr. Chambers stated that it could be requested in the grant next year and also recommended requesting stipends for employees who have been with the agency two or more years. He stated we need to get the budget amount together.

Ms. Dabney asked for the Logo for Atlanta Kids Planet to put on Birthday party request form. She will send out the forms for the children or caregiver to complete. Atlanta Kids Planet will host one free party a month.

Mr. Chambers agreed to sing Happy Birthday to Ms. Wright-Hill at the next meeting.

Date of the Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting of this Board is Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. **The board will not meet in July.** Donna will post notice in lobby and run ad in paper.

Respectfully submitted,

Keesha Dabney, Chairperson
Clayton County DFCS Board

Andre Chambers, Director
Clayton County DHS

Donna Cason, Administrative Assistant