



STATE OF GEORGIA
Division of Family and Children Services

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING
CLAYTON COUNTY DFCS
BOARD MEMBERS
September 27, 2017 * 9:30 am * Clayton County DFCS

Present: Tia Simon (Board Chairperson), Keisha Wright Hill (Vice-Chairperson), Quen Howard (Board Member), Dr. Nia Cantey (County Director), LaSondra Howard-Boddie (Interim County Director), Deneka Manning (County Deputy Director) Dr. Barbra Pulliam (Board Member), Regina Jackson (Interim Administrative Assist), Ashley Stallings (OFI Administrator), Merion Luke (OFI Administrator).

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM

No audience, public participation.

Staff participation Jeanette Ogilvie from RD.

Invocation by Quen Howard

Minutes from last meeting held on August 23, 2017 has been approved.

Program Reports by LaSondra Howard-Boddie:

- Social Services Reports- We currently have 263 children in Foster Care
- Rainbow House Report shows 14 children was served for the month in Clayton County.
- Cases have dropped dramatically.
- Ashley Stallings/Merion Luke gave OFI report.
- Dr. Pulliam advised that service report should be shown quarterly as well as where we are with numbers.

Eligibility Report by Ashely Stallings and Merion Luke

Executive Session (Order to move into Executive Session ordered by Board Chairperson, Tia Simon):

- Introduction of New County Director Dr. Nia Cantey with start date of October 1st.
- Director Dr. Nia Cantey spoke about CPS numbers and what trends over the last 30 days. She is being updated on everything and areas to be improved. She will also spend the next 30 days getting to know the staff and concerns.
- Ms. Luke gave update on Form 841 for food replacement with deadline of Oct. 2nd
- All Supervisor positions have been filled and set to start in October.

Other Matters:

- Dr. Barbra Pulliam gave update on Fall Festival which is hosted by the Clayton Sheriff Department which was approved for Clayton County DFCS to participate. Sgt. Virginia has been assigned to assist us.

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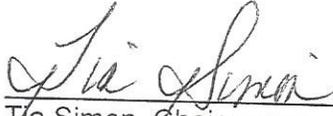
- Ms. Howard requested that flyers be sent out to staff and foster parents in a timely manner for Trunk or Treat. Board members are expected to be in attendance.. A recruitment table for RD will be set up and candy will be given to the children for Trunk or Treat.
- RD case manager will send flyers for Trunk or Treat no later than October 15th
- Dr. Pulliam is taking lead on obtaining details for Trunk or Treat and will share with Board Members and County Leadership..
- Ms. Manning gave the following updates regarding treatment and repairs of building as a result of mold issue:
 - Work in progress to include sealing of roof.and windows outside
 - Entire outside of the building will be pressure washed
 - Drainage pipes under the breezeway have been replaced.
- Ms. Stallings gave compliments to OFI and SS for pulling together to make sure treatment of the building did not affect clients getting the proper services needed..
- Three Board Members, Ms. Howard, Ms. Simon, and Mrs. Wright-Hill attended the Conference in Savannah. Board Members made good connections and learned more about their duties as a board regarding budgets, staff, and community involvement.
- GPSHA is sponsoring another training for County Boards in November at Jekyll Island.
- Dr. Pulliam suggested that the board start planning ahead for next year's activities.. She also recognized all the hard work that staff have been doing which makes her appreciate DFCS that much more.
- RD case manager inquired about the Board Members donating Thanksgiving baskets for Foster Homes. The Board will confirm the number of baskets to donate at the next meeting.
- Christmas Party for foster children will be held on December 1st.
- Next Commissioners Board Meeting will be held on October 3rd at 7pm Clayton Board Members will be in attendance. Approval of County Funds are supposed to be on agenda for Commissioners' vote.
- Board Members requested that county funds budget be part of the Board agenda at least quarterly.
- County letterhead will be updated with New County Director's information.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for October 25, 2017 at 9:30am

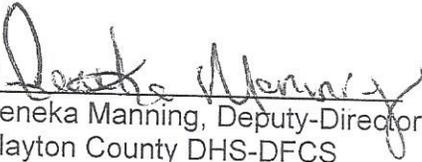
Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.

Attachments:

Respectfully submitted,


 Tia Simon, Chairperson
 Clayton County DFCS Board


 Dr. Nia Cantey,
 County Director Clayton County
 DHS-DFCS


Deneka Manning, Deputy-Director
Clayton County DHS-DFCS


Regina Jackson,
Interim Administrative Assistance