



STATE OF GEORGIA
Division of Family and Children Services

Nathan Deal
Governor

Virginia Pryor
Interim Director

Department of Family and Children Services, Clayton County
Board of Directors Meeting
held
Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Present were:

Tia Simon	-	Board Chairman
Quen Howard	-	Board Member
Dr. Barbara Pulliam	-	Board Member
Dr. Nia Cantey	-	County Director
Deneka Manning	-	Deputy Director
Ashley Stallings	-	OFI Administrator
Patrice Davis	-	Administrative Assistant

1. Call to order and Invocation

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. Quen Howard welcomed everyone and offered prayers.

2. Audience Participation

No Audience Participation

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for meeting held in November 2017 were read and approved via email. Dr. Pulliam questioned the November 2017 minutes in regards to Forsensic Protocol. She asked about the medication partnering to improve engagement with Law enforcement. She also asked that we revisited the minutes in regards to the Panic Button and to improve services delivery and the night shift.

The Chairman then asked if the Minutes of the Emergency Board Meeting held Tuesday, January 16, 2018 was received. Board Members approved the minutes and had no questions about it. Minutes were approved by Quen Howard. All were in favor to approve the Emergency Board minutes.

4. Program Report

a. Social Services Report

Dr. Cantey reported on the Social Services Report. She reported that she did a comparison with seeing the trend from year to year starting from November 2016 and November 2017. She said she changed the format of the report by placing CPS first. She then went through the report.

Dr. Cantey spoke about the overdue cases we have. Based on what the report states each month has a deprivation.

Dr. Pulliam said the report shows that there is a death every month. Dr. Cantey said the youth might not be in our care. She said children fatalities have to be reported and the number would still go into our count. There has been 9 death, she said, since she has been County Director. Dr. Cantey said DFCS Connection can be contacted in regards to child death. We would have a problem if we didn't follow protocol. Dr. Pulliam said she thinks it look bad and the account would still be on DFCS.

Adoptions

Dr. Cantey said she met with the Adoption Supervisor and there has been increased adoptive resources.

Rainbow House

Dr. Cantey said the Rainbow House is a good support for DFCS. Dr. Pulliam asked if there were other places for the children to go. Dr. Cantey said she needs more places like the Rainbow House. She told the Board that she met with a prospective client who will be opening a place like the Rainbow House in March 2018. Dr. Cantey said we will be having our Stakeholders Meeting in March and we are inclined to invite some of these people to the meeting.

Dr. Cantey said the trends will continue to be looked at probably up to a 6 month mark. This is just to notice the number of youth deprived.

OFI – Ashley Stallings

Ms. Stallings reported on OFI. FS SOP 92% and 86% Medicaid. She said to get up to date OFI staff started working overtime effective Saturday, January 20, 2018. Dr. Cantey said this was just until further notice. Ms. Stallings said this overtime is not official. She said it's not just Clayton staff but the whole state. She also said the entire state had tremendous amount of work. She said OFI is not where they should be with renewals.

Ms. Stalling said we are still not able to hire, and that workers have to be working on Saturdays. The Chairman asked if workers get more work done on Saturday. Ms. Stallings said yes, no distractions. Ms. Howard asked if they were paid time and a half, Ms. Stallings said yes.

Ms. Manning asked Ms. Stallings if Ms. Carter, our Office Manager was aware of this since she dealt with the security guards. Ms. Stallings said yes she was aware, although staff is not open to the public.

5. Executive Session

a. Personnel Matters

The Personnel Matters report was looked at. Dr. Cantey reported we had 7 vacancies pending. Interviews were to be done, along with background checks and drug testing.

Ms. Howard then asked about the three (3) persons the Board approve to hire. Dr. Cantey said the PRNs should come in on Monday, January 29, 2018. Their background and drug test were completed. Two should be working on the day shift and the other night. Dr. Cantey said their hours are to be monitored.

Dr. Cantey reported that we had 38 over dues, INV/FSS were down from 76. She said sustainability is needed. There are seven (7) people in rotation. For the night shift there are only two (2) people working, plus the PRNs will be coming in for 3 months. Dr. Cantey said we should be hiring for Permanency, but not sure of the dates.

Dr. Pulliam said we need to start advocating and drawing other Boards from other counties in. Dr. Cantey said she will invite Sabrina Watson, Regional Director to the next Board Meeting.

Budget Clarification

Dr. Cantey did a budget presentation. She told the Board that the Budget was shared among Cobb, Gwinnett and Clayton. She spoke about the Prevention of Unnecessary Placement (PUP) funds. She said these funds are also shared among the three (3) counties.

Ms. Howard asked if Cobb and Gwinnett were not on the report for overspending. Dr. Cantey said only counties spending at a high rate is on the report. She said she is still learning about this. Dr. Cantey then highlighted to them the highest area of spending.

Dr. Cantey told the board that the updated Regional Report from December 2017 will show the figures better. It was decided to add the \$30,000 being paid to the PRNs to the report so that they can see how the money is being disbursed. Dr. Cantey said she would let Lori add the money so that we can see the deductions monthly. Also, she would let her know to code the fees correctly.

Ms. Simon asked who did the budget. Dr. Cantey said Regional, checks and balances are not showed yet. October and November fees are not yet applied to this report.

Ms. Howard asked who came up with the numbers. Dr. Cantey said monies are to be liquidated for next year. Ms. Manning is to request the budget February's meeting.

Dr. Pulliam said she wants to learn and contribute. The three (3) county boards need to come together. She said she would be going to Legislature to get funds to start. She then spoke about getting money for travel to stay at overnight meetings. Dr. Pulliam said some reimbursements should be in the budget for Board members. She said she will have a draft budget to be issued to Dr. Cantey for the rest of the physical year. Ms. Simon mentioned also for legislation.

Dr. Cantey said there are two (2) budget: State and County. County supplies our three (3) counties. This budget is allocated in different ways. Dr. Cantey said she would like to get more money next year and would like the Board to advocate for this. She said Fulton has a bigger budget. Cobb and Gwinnett county is bigger than Clayton along with their Boards.

Ms. Manning asked the board to give a proposal before the next board meeting. Dr. Pulliam said she would supply a budget. Money should be spent by August 2018. The physical year ends in August. She said she would have a virtual meeting with the rest of the Board in regards to this. Ms. Simon said she request to put in motion to increase line items at the upcoming meeting. Budget had signed off in October 2017.

Ms. Howard said money take a long time to get. Dr. Cantey said we need to advocate from Private Sectors. Dr. Pulliam said also from Legislation and Real Estate.

Executive Session discussion ended at 11:20 a.m.

6. Other Matters

a. Egg Extravaganza

The Board spoke about attending Egg Extravaganza on March 31. Dr. Pulliam asked about the buying of gifts for children. She said the Board had partnered with the Sheriff's office before and it didn't cost anything. Ms. Simon explained this. She said the Extravaganza is for children in care. It's an Easter Egg Hunt for children. It was held last year March. Victor Hill was a great help. The Board Chairman said she would like to do it again this year. Flyers need to be done to let parents know. She is hoping for a good turn out on March 31, the date being proposed.

Dr. Cantey said she will ensure the flyer is done. She said she should let the RD team be aware to let the parents know they need to save the date. Dr. Pulliam said the Sheriff's office is to be called and let them be aware its 12 pm for parents. There should be about 200 children invited. Ms. Manning said this needs to be advertised too.

Dr. Pulliam is to contact Victor Hill. The Chairman said she needs to talk to him about program visits. She needs more dialogue with him about the Panic Button just to get a better understanding. Let him know that some calls might need an escort and we have no money.

The Board Members went back to talking about their budget and how much should be allocated for them. Ms. Howard recommended requesting \$4,000. She said they had an event to go to on January 31 and another in about February/March 2018. There will also be another in August/September 2018, Ms. Manning said that one is a different budget. The Chairman said instead of asking for \$4,000 its best to ask for \$2,500 since the money has to be liquidated. Dr. Pulliam said she would let Dr. Cantey get their budget by the end of January 2018.

7. Date of Next Board Meeting

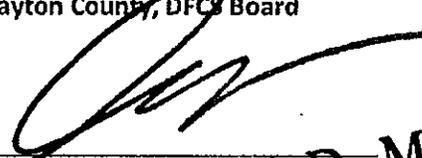
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Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully yours,

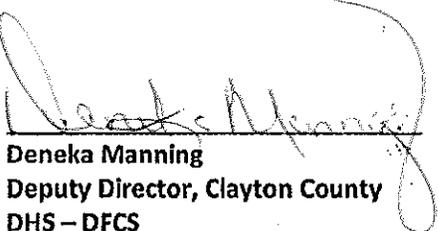


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