



STATE OF GEORGIA
Division of Family and Children Services

Nathan Deal
Governor

Bobby D. Cagle
Director

MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING
CLAYTON COUNTY DFCS
BOARD MEMBERS
March 22, 2017 * 9:30 am * Clayton County DFCS

Present: Deborah Lazarus (Board Chairperson), Tia Simon (Vice-Chairperson), Quen Howard (Board Member), Dr. Barbara Pulliam (Board Member), Keishia Wright-Hill (Board Member), Andre Chambers (County Director), Deneka Manning (County Deputy Director) Jennifer Green-Williams (Administrative Assist).

Meeting called to order at 9:50am

No audience, public participation.

Invocation by Deborah Lazarus (Board Chairperson)

Minutes from last meeting held in March 22, 2017 has been approved.

Program Reports by Andre' Chambers:

- Social Services Reports- Mr. Chambers went over SSR and discussed recent decrease in Foster Care and CPS investigations. Solution base casework; tracking the cases and forty five day investigation.

Mr. Chambers reiterated the initiatives being done by the department regarding Safe Sleep.

Rainbow House Report Eighteen children served for the month for Clayton County.

Eligibility Report by Deirdre Neal: Not present

Executive Session (Order to move into Executive Session ordered by Board Chairperson, Deborah Lazarus):

- Personnel Matters by Andre' Chambers- Sleep related deaths, suicide 15 & 14 year old children; the 15 year old was a homicide and 14 year old suicide. The agency assesses all child's deaths.
- Recommend to put policy in place for law enforcement child's death case to notify agency.

Other Matters:

- Region 13 has a slow down on hiring until further notice, which is based on the budget.
- Mr. Chambers discuss revising building for possible renovation for the SSCM for adequate working space.
- Board motion into order to have October minutes amendment from election of the board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, and send all minutes to commissioner from April of 2016 to present.
- Members of the board discussed opening a bank account for donations for events, the decision was made to accept non monetary donations only.
- Easter Egg Hunt for RD and Foster Care children at Battle Ground Park in Jonesboro, GA. From 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Dr. Pulliam invited Sgt. Virginia Williams with Clayton County Sheriff Dept. (Community Relations) to the meeting to discuss donation and assistance.

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Board Meeting Agenda
March 22, 2017

- I. Call to order and Invocation
- II. Audience Participation
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Program Reports
 - a. Social Services Reports
 - b. Eligibility/Employability Report
- V. Executive Session
 - a. Personnel Matters
- VI. Other Matters
- VII. Date of Next Meeting

The Clayton County DFCS Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room on the 2nd floor.

Minutes of the meeting are available upon request.

**CLAYTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING FOR March 2017
SERVICES REPORT FOR February 2017**

I. Placement

204	Children in Foster Care in Clayton County (351 in February 2016)
2	Children Receiving Aftercare Supervision
4	Children Whose Parental Rights Were Terminated
104	Children in Custody/Receiving Care Over One Year

II. Adoptions

71	Children Free for Adoption
14	Children Free for Adoption (without a resource)
6	Adoptions finalized for the month
14	Number of Relative Care Subsidy Cases

III. Resource Development

1	Adoption Studies completed for the month
16	Individuals completed IMPACT
52	Number of Clayton County Foster Homes
21	Number of ICPC Supervision Cases/Homes

IV. Child Protective Services

A. Investigations

231	CPS Reports Assigned (123 in February 2016)
96	Screened Out
141	Family Support Cases
3	Child Fatalities with DFCS Involvement
0	Safety Resources
14	Courtesy Interviews

B. CPS Ongoing Services / Family Preservation

46	Cases (17 in February 2016)
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V. Rainbow House

12	Children Placed for 1 to 14 days
0	Children Placed for 15 to 30 days
6	Children Placed for 31 to 44 days
1	Placement Denied/Unavailable
18	Children Served for the Month for Clayton County
6771	Children Serviced to Date

Clayton County Personnel Board Report

Wednesday March 22, 2017

Appointment

Gaston, Glenn – Hired / Economic Support Spec 2- 02/16/2017

Gates, Janese – Hired /Social Svcs Spec 2- 02/16/2017

Grier, LaErica – Hired/ Social Svcs Spec 1 – 02/16/2017

Posey-Thomas – Gwendolyn – Hired/ Social Svcs Spec 1 – 02/16/2017

Ward, Staniecia – Hired / Economic Support Spec 1 – 02/16/2017

Wilson, Gina – Hired / Economic Support Spec 2 – 02/16/2017

Job Change

Foster, Trikena – Promotion/ Economic Support Spec 2/ Economic Support Cons 2 – 02/16/2017

Lemons, Aleicia – Promotion/ Economic Support Spec 2/ Economic Support Cons 2 – 02/16/2017

Tucker, Synethia – Promotion/ Economic Support Spec 2/ Economic Support Cons 2 – 02/16/2017

Job Reclassification

Lateral Transfer from Different Agency

None

Lateral Transfer within the Agency

None

Position Data Update



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No audience or public participation
Invocation by Deborah Lazarus (Board Chairperson)
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Program Reports by Andre Chambers:

- Social Services Reports- Mr. Chambers went over SSR and discussed recent decrease in Foster Care and CPS investigations by 10%. Solution base casework; tracking the cases and forty five day investigation.

Mr. Chambers reiterated the initiatives being done by the department regarding Safe Sleep.

Rainbow House Report Seventeen children served for the month for Clayton County.

Eligibility Report by Deirdre Neal: Not present

Executive Session (Order to move into Executive Session signed by Board Chairperson, Deborah Lazarus):

- Personnel Matters by Andre Chambers- discussed bonus for 2 years and more workers of \$500 a total of \$65,000.

Other Matters:

- Block Grant in the amount of \$230,697. will be submitted to BOC on February 27, 2017.
- Board discuss having an Easter Egg Hunt for RD and Foster Care children at Battle Ground Park in Jonesboro, GA. From 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The board will spearhead the hunt and check with vendors for donations.
- The board also discuss having a \$50.00 monthly budget for food and drinks for the board meetings.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for March 22, 2017 at 9:30am

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

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**CLAYTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING FOR February 2017
SERVICES REPORT FOR January 2017**

I. Placement

194	Children in Foster Care in Clayton County (245 in January 2016)
4	Children Receiving Aftercare Supervision
9	Children Whose Parental Rights Were Terminated
122	Children in Custody/Receiving Care Over One Year

II. Adoptions

70	Children Free for Adoption
14	Children Free for Adoption (without a resource) (10 Children free for Adoption 2016)
1	Adoptions finalized for the month
14	Number of Relative Care Subsidy Cases

III. Resource Development

1	Adoption Studies completed for the month
0	Individuals completed IMPACT
47	Number of Clayton County Foster Homes
34	Number of ICPC Supervision Cases

IV. Child Protective Services

A. Investigations

261	CPS Reports Assigned (140 in January 2016)
129	Screened Out
148	Family Support Cases
0	Child Fatalities with DFCS Involvement
0	Safety Resources
11	Courtesy Interviews

B. CPS Ongoing Services / Family Preservation

45	Cases (17 in January 2016)
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V. Rainbow House

9	Children Placed for 1 to 14 days
0	Children Placed for 15 to 30 days
8	Children Placed for 31 to 44 days
0	Placement Denied/Unavailable
	Explanation- ()
17	Children Served for the Month for Clayton County
6753	Children Serviced to Date

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AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding officer execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now Deborah LAZARUS, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Clayton County DFCS
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On Feb 22, 2017 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for closure of this meeting was :
O.C.G.A. 43-1-2 (K)
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closure of this meeting are:
Personnel matters

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Deborah Lazarus
PRESIDING OFFICER

Sworn and subscribed before me

This 22nd day of February, 2017.

J. R. [Signature]
Notary Public

