

MINUTES

HART COUNTY BOARD OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

The regular monthly meeting of the DFCS Board was held Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the DFCS Board room.

Attending were Shelvy Myers, Melissa Green, Charlotte Harper, Earnestine White, John Williamson, and County Director Bryant Rogowski.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

The monthly county expenditures report was discussed and approved.

The Social Services report was discussed.

The Board approved revisions to the foster care reimbursement guidelines.

The Board approved Mr. Rogowski's request to purchase five car seats to replace seats which must be taken out of service in the coming year.

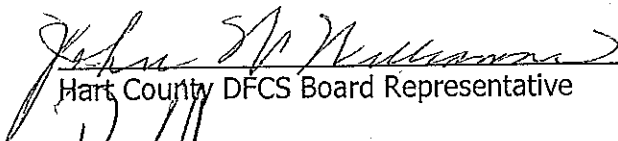
Director's report:

- Mr. Rogowski reported a reorganization of the Office of Family Independence was started and is being overseen by Jon Anderson. The "one family one worker" model is in the goal. This will improve client access to staff and resources and should also improve accountability for work. Families will have an assigned worker and contact information. Hiring continues to bring county offices back to a point where they can manage under this model. Hart County office is close to full staffing.
- Mr. Rogowski reported that OFI overtime is still available but is now voluntary.
- Mr. Rogowski reported a new regional resource development unit has been established. The unit will work together with a supervisor to manage foster home recruitment and child placements on a regional basis. Currently they have been tasked with handling approximately 36 permanency cases from Hall County.
- Mr. Rogowski reported In April County directors met in Gainesville to work on a plan to assist Hall County. Hart Franklin will be assisting in a supervisory and review capacity as well as managing a small number of cases. Placement Supervisor, Sabrina Hart-


Patterson, was recognized by the Division Director and his staff for her work on one Hall County case after the Hall County Juvenile Judge praised her hard work and effort.

- Local staff have also worked to stabilize with all staff now through initial training requirements. They have also worked to meet new expectations for proportional documentation of monthly work.
- Mr. Rogowski shared information on DFCS board membership that will go into effect as a result of the Child Welfare Reform Council to include qualifications for board members and the implementation of Regional and State Advisory Boards designed to bring information from county level board to the regional level. This will improve communication, service delivery, and application of policy in each district.
- Mr. Rogowski reported that the Governor's Council on Child Welfare Reform has reported initial recommendations. The Governor's budget proposal includes significant funding to implement positive changes in the new fiscal year.
- Mr. Rogowski reported that the State Properties Unit and the County have continued to negotiate the new lease on the DFCS building and final revisions to lease amendments were submitted to the State Properties commission for review this month.

No further business, meeting adjourned. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22nd at 4:00 p.m.



Hart County DFCS Board Representative



Director, Hart County DFCS