

MINUTES

HART COUNTY BOARD OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

The regular monthly meeting of the DFCS Board was held Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the DFCS Board room.

Attending were Melissa Green, Charlotte Harper, Earnestine White 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.


Director's report:

- Mr. Rogowski reported that the services unit is fully staffed with the addition of two new CPS investigators hired in January. The services unit has seen almost complete turnover since May 2014. Sally Turpin was promoted to CPS Supervisor to replace Andrea Cobb who accepted a regional position.
- Mr. Rogowski reported that services staff continue to provide assistance with a small number of cases in Hall County. The effort to assist outside the county has benefited the region in total with only four overdue cases open in the Region as of mid-January.
- Mr. Rogowski reported that OFI staff were directed to begin eight hours per week mandatory overtime on non-holiday weeks starting in December 2014 to prevent an increasing backlog of eligibility cases.
- Mr. Rogowski reported that more areas of OFI are being transitioned back to county level management such as employment services and ABD. Hiring fairs are also being implemented to bring some of the jobs back to the counties. Hart County has a new employee starting in February as a result and more are being sought.
- 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 been meeting to negotiate a new lease on the DFCS building and hope to have a new agreement finalized in the coming months.

The Board discussed and agreed to hold quarterly meetings moving forward.

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


Hart County DFCS Board Representative


Director, Hart County DFCS