

MINUTES

HART COUNTY BOARD OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

The regular monthly meeting of the DFCS Board was held Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the DFCS Board room.

Attending were Shelvy Myers, 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 OFI report was discussed.

The Social Services report was discussed.

Director's report:

As of Sept 3 we now have three new hires in the social services unit. All have been shadowing staff in the county, making visits with senior staff, and learning about agency policy and procedure. All three are in training this week. Once initial training is completed they will take on initial case management responsibilities. After the whole training course is completed, they will be able to carry full caseloads. Director and Services supervisors are working on plans to reorganize units in the services area. .

Mr. Rogowski has followed up with the county on budget issues. There have been written and face to face contacts. As of last week, Jon Caime says that the county budget for DFCS will remain the same this year. Mr. Caime said the county would keep the remaining budget surplus which will be enough for the county meet existing obligations.

Mr. Rogowski attended a meeting in Atlanta with Dr. Sharon Hill, the DFCS Division Director. Overall the meeting was very positive with the state acknowledging problems and working to resolve them. BOP-GeorgiaOne is moving forward and the state office is focused on addressing complaints from the field. They will be meeting with representatives from the Governor's office this week. The state office is currently looking at ideas such as reducing access to the COMPASS system so that new applications cannot be submitted 24 hours a day. This will allow staff to catch up on the current backlog and handle incoming work more efficiently. DFCS has gotten a preliminary approval from the Federal authorities for this. The COMPASS web site will also be portal to the Federal Marketplace for the Affordable Care Act effective October 1, 2013. DFCS staff will also begin training in November to use the MAGI (modified adjusted gross income) calculation process for determining Medicaid eligibility effective January 1, 2013.

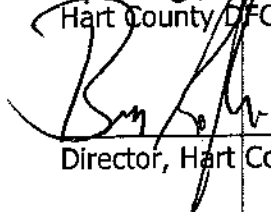
GeorgiaOne philosophy will extend into services in the coming months with the rollout of the 24 hour centralized intake process. Franklin County is tentatively scheduled to start

in December. We will be starting to share information on this concept in the community in October as we learn more.

No further business, meeting adjourned. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30th at 4:00 p.m.



Hart County DFCS Board Representative



Director, Hart County DFCS