



STATE OF GEORGIA
Division of Family and Children Services

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2015 MEETING OF THE
CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

The Clayton County Board of Family and Children Services meeting was held on
Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

Members Present

Keesha Dabney
Deborah Lazarus
Tia Simon
Keisha Wright-Hill
Barbara Pulliam

Staff Present

Deneka Manning
Donna Cason
Kim Wright
Andre Chambers

Ms. Dabney called the meeting to order and led the invocation.

Audience Participation

None

Minutes

Minutes of the August 26, 2015 meeting were approved.

Program Reports

Social Services

Mr. Chambers went over services report.

Andre reported a new Resource Development team is coming in and will start Foster parent Impact classes back up soon.

Mr. Chambers stated services is doing very well and we reached our goals except meeting with families- "Every parent every month". Mr. Chambers explained some families are hard to locate.

Eligibility

Ms. Wright introduced herself as Deputy District Manager for Clayton County OFI. She gave an overview of changes in OFI and asked the board members what information they

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would like to have for future reports. Ms. Manning will provide template to Ms. Wright showing the information shared in the past with board members.

Ms. Wright stated that several workers from ABD, (Aged, Blind, Disabled) and Childcare Program is moving back to Clayton County office and will be supervised by Clayton. Ms. Wright stated the CAPS (child care program) are short staffed and looking to hire more workers. The work will be shared throughout the Region.

Ms. Wright stated OFI is struggling with all the changes and not enough staff to carry the loads. Customer complaints are being handled by Cobb County at this time.

Ms. Wright stated the SNAP program is under an improvement plan and stated we should have 85% timeliness rate before the end of year to keep from losing federal funding.

Ms. Pulliam asked about working overtime to catch up. Ms. Wright stated funding is not available for overtime but they can work Comp time.

Personnel Matters

Closed Session: The affidavit supporting closed session was signed.

Mr. Chambers discussed the personnel report.

Other Matters

Mr. Chambers will be hosting a Meet and Greet session with Law Enforcement, and Lunch and Learn from 11:30 -1:00 p.m. Mr. Chambers invited the board members to attend. He will be giving an overview of the Blue print for Change.

Mr. Chambers stated he will be setting up annual meetings with the County Commissioner sometime in October to share information and discuss improvements or any needs improvements.

Ms. Dabney shared Thank you note form Ms. Sellers.

Ms. Dabney mentioned Flap Jack Breakfast Fundraiser at Applebee's. Will follow up with additional information next month.

Ms. Dabney announced Ms. Simon's mother passed away this past Saturday and extended condolences to her on behalf of the board.

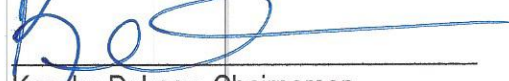
Ms. Manning asked about donations and improvements to the playground area. Ms. Simon stated she called the county to get them to cut the grass and she will check with Steven Van Dyke about his team Fight, Win, Survive working on the area. Ms. Simon will follow up. Ms. Dabney mentioned she will check on moving the playset from Rainbow house to the playground area.

Ms. Dabney asked if the county budget has been approved. Mr. Chambers stated

We are waiting on the letter showing the amount and signatures.

Date of the Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting of this Board is Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.


Respectfully submitted,



Keesha Dabney, Chairperson
Clayton County DFCS Board



Andre Chambers, Director
Clayton County DHS



Donna Cason, Administrative Assistant