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ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
March 5, 2018

THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES MET ON MONDAY: March 5, 2018 at the Hillsborough Commons, Hillsborough, North Carolina.

BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES MEMBERS PRESENT: Tamara Dempsey-Tanner, Ann Wilkerson, Susie Enochts, Pat Garavaglia, and Earl McKee.

GUEST: Cliff Bellamy, Herald Sun Reporter.

BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Coston, Director; Lindsey Shewmaker, Human Services Manager; Sharron Hinton, Human Services Manager; and Micah Guindon, Fiscal Officer.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

DSS Chair, Tamara Dempsey-Tanner, called the meeting to order at 4:09pm.

II. Board Comments

None.

III. Public Comments

None.

IV. Agenda Changes

None.

V. Action Items

On a motion by Pat Garavaglia, the Board approved the minutes of February 12, 2018. Ann Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion was carried without dissent.

VI. Items for Discussion and/or Decision

1. Budget Narrative and Performance Measures

Nancy Coston gave an overview of the agency's proposed budget. The budget includes an overall increase in county cost. There are two positions the agency has requested be converted from time-limited to permanent. One was requested and approved several years ago and this is just finalizing the paperwork. The other is the only remaining position from the Work Force Innovations and Opportunity Act that is not a permanent position. It was missed when the other positions were added. There are two positions that need to be extended for NC FAST that are included in the budget.

Ms. Coston explained that some of the line items have been changed to reflect work done with the Finance Department over the last year. There are no major changes in budget requests for FY2018-19. Revenue and line item changes really account for the majority of the differences in the budget request.

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Tamara Dempsey-Tanner asked whether the sales from the café were meeting expectations. Sharron Hinton responded that it has actually exceeded expectations and is doing well.

Pat Garavaglia wanted to commend staff for doing such a great job and making the budget easy to understand.

Tamara Dempsey-Tanner moved that the Social Services Board accept the proposed budget as submitted and forward it on to the County Manager and the Board of County Commissioners for review and approval. Pat Garavaglia seconded the motion. The motion was carried without dissent.

2. Director's Report

Nancy Coston presented an abstract requesting \$125,000 for the rest of the year for Emergency Assistance. This will enable the agency to continue to provide Emergency Assistance for the remainder of the year. The request will be on the agenda for the Thursday Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

The Spring Job Fair will be held on April 11th at the Hillsborough Commons.

Earl McKee apologized for being late to the meeting and hopes that he will be able to attend more regularly now.

VII. Announcements

Pat Garavaglia moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:19pm. Susie Enochts seconded the motion. The motion was carried without dissent.

Submitted by:

Nancy Coston
DSS Director

Tamara Dempsey-Tanner
Chair