



STATE OF GEORGIA
Division of Family and Children Services

Nathan Deal
Governor

Virginia Pryor
Director

Clayton County
Board of Directors Meeting
held
Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Tia Simon - Board Chairman (via phone)
Dr. Chantara Carter - Board Member
Quen Howard - Board Member
Charlton Bivins - Board Member (via phone)

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Nia Cantey - County Director
Deneka Manning - Deputy Director
Merion Luke - OFI Administrator
Patrice Davis - Recording Secretary

1. Call to order and Invocation

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Chantara Carter in the absence of our Chairman at 10:12 a.m. She welcomed everyone; invocation was not offered.

2. Audience Participation

No Audience Participation.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for meeting held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 were approved and seconded by the Chairman, Tia Simon.

4. Program Report

a. Social Services Report

Dr. Cantey reported on the Services Report. She said the 4 PRNs we have employed, their last day will be on 7/6. She also reported on our daily scoreboard for 6/27 where Clayton County had started off with 99 overdues and to date they now have 11. She enforced that the goal was to be at 0. Dr. Cantey said the goal is to not go back to where we initially were. She said the scoreboard for today stated that we are at 88.3% in response time. The aim is to be at 95%. She said investigations are being tracked timely. There is still a lot of room for improvement. She will let Ms. Humphries take over and hope for the response times be kept.

Dr. Cantey then spoke about the items that were approved at the last meeting to be purchased. She said the items were bought. The TVs are not up yet because the County Vendor needs to come in and hang them up. She is hoping before August. The other approved items were also purchased; pampers, clothes, food. She said she will do an end of the year close out and will present at the next meeting. She reported that the end of the fiscal year ends 6/14; although you can spend up to 6/30. Dr. Cantey said although our spending ends June 14, we would like to have that 15-day window to still spend. She said we will not resume spending until 7/1 once the new fiscal year begins. The State expects all spending to end on 6/14.

Ms. Howard stated that there needs to be some clarity with this. She said if the information is in writing and confirmation is given, then it should be fine. The next agreement should have the extensions noted.

Dr. Cantey went on to report that she is moving towards the Family Preservation focus. She spoke about the Providers Meeting she had the day before (6/26) to rectify payment issues around fiscal payment to our providers. She said cases might be increased with regards to family preservation. This will increase the amount of case managers to serve the volume. She is suggesting that the Family Preservation providers do most of the work. Certain things can be done by the providers and staff. This plan will be used for the next 30 days, starting 6/26. Each provider will have a day of the week that they work depending on the case that comes in.

Dr. Carter asked Dr. Cantey how many staff she will need for this. She said 4, although 2 will be resigning the end of this week. One of the 2 is a family preservation worker. She said we are down 15 staff now just in CPS. "HR Pass" goes live on the 7/21 which should bring some ease to the hiring process. She ended by saying that we are closing out on a high note, mindful on a better note than where we were. Although we have a lot of work, we are not where we were.

b. Eligibility/Employability Report

OFI – Merion Luke

Ms. Luke reported on OFI for the month of May. She spoke about Food Stamps, TANF and Medicaid. She said they were processing Food Stamps at 95.5% at the State level and Medicaid was at 97.70%, which is good. She also said Expedite Food stamps was at 89.73%. She said she is trying to get at 96% Food stamps expedite, she is not sure if it's a problem with Gateway or the Case Managers. TANF is at 96.40%. Ms. Luke said this is being maintained well. She said 156 clients were paid out in the month of May for support services. Work support payment is at \$200 per month up to 6 months when employment is secured by client. Ms. Luke also reported on new hires and transfers in May. She reported that the transfers are a big help to the OFI team. She also said they will be getting more workers to help with back end work that is, renewals, intakes. She reported that there are 25 case managers and 5 supervisors. There is 16 ESS vacancies and 1 Supervisor vacancy.

5. Other Matters

a. Conference

The Chairman spoke about a Conference in Savannah scheduled for 8/28 or 29 (date to be confirmed). Two persons from the County can go. Ms. Manning said 2 people; a combination of a Board member and a staff member can attend. Ms. Howard asked the chairman if she received an email in relation to this conference. She would like confirmation that this is so. The Chairman said there is an email and DFCS will pay for the Conference. Dr. Carter asked what the Conference was about. Ms. Luke said she normally goes. She said its a Georgia Professional to deal with Child Support, mostly DFCS. A guest speaker is normally there to present. It was decided to have the Director and a Board Member attend. Ms. Manning or the Chairman will send out the email relevant to this conference to the Board Members. Mr. Bivins nominated himself to go.

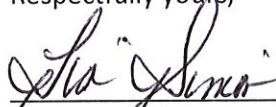
- b. Dr. Carter suggested a Board Retreat for the Board members. Ms. Howard then spoke about other Board Members who are so in tune with each other and what they do with their Director and their staff. She said they come together and do things together which is so awesome. She said this Board maybe need to try to work on togetherness with members of staff; a Board partnership. She said the Retreat would be a good idea being away from the office.

6. Date of Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully yours,



Tia Simon, Chairperson
Clayton County, DFCS Board



Dr. Nia Cantey
County Director, Clayton County
DHS – DFCS



Patrice Davis
Recording Secretary