



**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**Division of Family and Children Services**

**Nathan Deal**  
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Director

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2016 MEETING OF THE  
CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

The Clayton County Board of Family and Children Services meeting was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2016.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Andre Chambers  
Deneka Manning  
Donna Cason

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

Audience Participation

None

Minutes

Minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting were approved.

Program Reports

Social Services

Mr. Chambers went over services report and noted correction to the number of foster homes available in Clayton County are 27. Donna will send out corrected report along with the minutes.

Mr. Chambers discussed changes with Impact classes. He stated training will be handled by regional resource development in hopes to improve plans for recruitment each month to try to meet our need of foster homes. Ms. Dabney asked about schedule for Impact orientation classes. Donna will send out schedule along with minutes.

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Ms. Dabney asked about issues with the number of foster parents and asked if we are losing foster parents. Mr. Chambers stated we are not losing nor gaining the main issue appears to be recruitment efforts have not been effective but we are looking to see improvements.

Mr. Chambers reported Clayton is working well at 98-100% in getting cases completed.

Mr. Chambers stated that Rainbow House has been very supportive with assisting with our children with behavioral issues and unruly teens. He stated he appreciates all their help.

Mrs. Wright-Hill asked what AWO means. Mr. Chambers explained watchful oversight. Mr. Chambers questioned the dates on the services report. Donna will verify and send corrected report with minutes.

### Eligibility

Ms. Wright discussed updates and changes in OFI.

Ms. Wright went over OFI, Planning, Performance and Reporting. She discussed the FNS CAP report for approved applications and food stamp corrective action plan. Clayton is at 97% and must be up to date by June.

Ms. Wright discussed family Medicaid new corrective action plan. She stated they have 9,000 Medicaid applications overdue. She stated everyone in the office who can do Medicaid is working on Medicaid cases as well as food stamp cases. The goal is to have them all completed by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Wright stated OFI is in the process of hiring 180 more case managers. District 8 Currently have 208 workers but need 229. She stated Clayton should get at least 10 or more case managers, and two clerical positions.

Ms. Wright discussed issues with office space. She stated they only have seven spaces available and in need of at least twelve more spaces. We have five Clayton workers sitting in Cobb County office due to space issues. Ms. Dabney asked about housing an employee at the hospital to cover the Medicaid applications. Ms. Dabney will be meeting with Chairman Turner and will mention the issue to him. Ms. Wright will also reach out to Nursing Homes to maybe house ABD workers in their facilities. Mr. Chambers stated they need to look at space and see if we can modify in some way. Ms. Wright mentioned possibly using space in lobby area.

### Personnel Report

Closed session affidavit signed.

Other Matters

Ms. Dabney discussed the new policy for receiving board meeting checks. The checks will be mailed to your home address after the attendance forms have been signed at each meeting. Donna will check on direct deposit.

Ms. Dabney mentioned Child Abuse month in the April and discussed teaming with Chick Fil A to recruit for foster parents on their KIOSK sign. Mr. Chambers explained all public press, support letters, etc. has to be approved by the office of communications. He will check with them for approval.

Ms. Manning asked about the status of salary supplement request. Ms. Wright-Hill will be contacting Mr. Brinson today to discuss it with him.

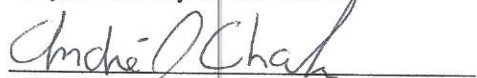
Ms. Manning asked about status on getting someone to take on the project of updating the playground. Ms. Simon and Ms. Dabney will reach out to see if they can get anyone to take on the project.

**Date of the Next Meeting:** The date of the next meeting of this Board is Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

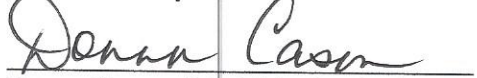
Respectfully submitted,



Keesha Dabney, Chairperson  
Clayton County DFCS Board



Andre Chambers, Director  
Clayton County DHS



Donna Cason, Administrative Assistant