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Chatham County Board of Social Services Session Meeting Minutes May 18, 2022

Members in attendance: Richard Edwards, Chair; Thomas Droke, Vice Chair; Jennie Kristiansen; Director; LeAnn McKoy, Evaluator/Planner and Nancy Burgess, Executive Assistant.

Richard Edwards called the meeting to order.

April meeting minutes were tabled until next board meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Review of Monthly Data:

CPS had 20 accepted reports in March. Five reports were initiated outside of timeframe, with a timeliness of 75%. Three reports involved families who were difficult to contact and schedule with and refused to provide addresses, were not home, did not return multiple phone calls, etc. The other two reports came in over a weekend on call with one being initiated 1.5 hours outside of time frame.

Economic Services Updates:

Planning was taking place for the ending of COVID updates, however, there were no new updates since the last meeting. Children were continually being added to the childcare subsidy program, however, reports are behind. Ms. Kristiansen can provide an additional update next month.

Family Services:

In honor of Elder Abuse Awareness Month, the Board of Commissioners issued a proclamation. Elder Abuse Awareness Month runs each year from Mother's Day through Father's Day. There is a "Wear Purple Day" event on Thursday May 26th and a community event at Central Carolina Community College on Thursday June 9th.

Agency Updates:

The DSS Equity Committee organized an agency Equity Walk to create an opportunity to gather after the events at JS Waters School. The committee provided brief information about their work and then the group walked around the CCCC campus. About seventeen employees attended and seemed to appreciate the time together.

In recognition that the agency has many new employees who have joined during the pandemic and haven't had the opportunity to connect with co-workers, the management team is planning more regular events. An office egg hunt was held in April, and a "May Day" hot dog luncheon is scheduled for May 20th.

The DSS 360 Survey process was completed with 71 responses being received. Overall feedback was positive with most supervisors meeting or exceeding standards on all items. Next steps include a review by management team members and then a presentation at the July staff meeting.

DSS Board Member Recruitment:

Both Richard Edwards and Carl Thompson have terms expiring at the end of June. This has been sent over to the county manager's office for posting and to date several applications have been received. Valerie Broadway will contact some of the selected candidates for a phone interview.

Notes for June:

Jennie Kristiansen will be out of town for the June board meeting.

With no further items to discuss, Richard Edwards adjourned the meeting.

Chair

Date

Secretary

Date