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**THE HOKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD**

**APRIL 30, 2018**

A meeting of the Hoke County Department of Social Services (the “*Board*”) was held at 1:00 p.m. Daylight Saving Time on April 30, 2018 in the Conference Room located in the County Department of Social Services (T.B. Lester, Jr. Building) at 314 South Magnolia Street, Raeford NC, pursuant to notice duly given. The following Board Members (“**BM**”), constituting a quorum, were present:

Carl Pevia, Chair  
Charlotte Kelly, Vice-Chair  
Bill Evans  
Allen Thomas, Jr.  
Brenda Branch

Also present representing the Department were Becky Morrow, Interim Director of the Hoke County Department of Social Services; Jonathan Charleston, Department of Social Services Attorney; Barbara Mena-Peña, Administrative Officer; and Ellen Leichter, Administrative Assistant.

Chair Pevia called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Thereafter, Chair Pevia asked BM Branch to give the invocation. Chair Pevia noted there were no public comments. Chair Pevia asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice-Chair Kelly made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of (a) the recessed March 26, 2018 and reconvened April 2, 2018 minutes; and (b) the next meeting date of May 21, 2018. BM Thomas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Pevia asked Interim Director Morrow to present the Day Care discussion. Ms. Morrow presented the March 2018 statistics for DCDEE (Division of Child Development and Early Education) including the amount of \$205,136 for non-Smart Start and the \$3,582 for Smart Start; a total of \$208,718 with a spending coefficient of 103%. Non-Smart Start unexpended funds were \$357,589; Smart Start unexpended funds were <\$195>. Interim Director Morrow advised the county will receive a reallocation of Child Care Subsidy Non-Smart Start funds from DCDEE. The Board discussed the Day Care update.

Prior to the Director's comments, Chair Pevia asked for motion for a closed session. BM Branch made a motion for a closed session to consult with counsel and discuss a personnel matter pursuant to the N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and 143-318.11(a)6, which was seconded by Vice-Chair Kelly. The vote was unanimous. Those in attendance during the closed session included Chair Pevia, Vice-Chair Kelly, BM Evans, BM Thomas, BM Branch, Ms. Morrow and Mr. Charleston. BM Branch made a motion to exit the closed session which was seconded by Vice-Chair Kelly. The vote to exit closed session was unanimous.

Chair Pevia asked Interim Director Morrow for the Director's comments. Ms. Morrow asked the Board to view the distributed handout. Ms. Morrow said the draft was the third or fourth version of the written agreement the county manager will be asked to sign. Through House Bill 630 legislation, the state came up with an outline how the county will be measured. House Bill 630 includes reform of the child welfare system, social services regionalization and county departments will be required to enter into annual written agreement for social services programs. Ms. Morrow shared ideas she wants to implement at the agency to meet the standards needed. The Board discussed the Director's comments. Chair Pevia asked about position vacancies. Ms. Morrow stated currently there are three (3) vacancies: one (1) Office Assistant III; one (1) Time Limited Income Maintenance Caseworker I; and one (1) Child Welfare Social Worker.

Chair Pevia asked the Board for any comments. The Board had no comments. Chair Pevia asked for a motion to adjourn. BM Thomas made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Vice-Chair Kelly. The vote was unanimous.

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Carl Pevia, Chair

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Becky Morrow, Secretary

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