

Oconee County Department of Family and Children Services
Board Meeting
July 18, 2019
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Board Members Present: David Jackson, Chair; Rosemarie Newman, Carol Bennett, Carol Nimmons and Bethany Lambert

Staff Present: Mary Barrett Yancey, Director; Rhonda M Floyd, AA 3

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order

The board welcomed the newest member, Ms. Bethany Lambert.

The May 2019 minutes were reviewed. Ms. Bennett made a motion to accept noting a change in the date for the meet and greet was scheduled for June 19th (not July 19th as noted in the minutes). The board accepted the change. Ms. Newman seconded the motion and the board approved.

FINANCIAL

The Oconee County Funds report with data through June 2019 was reviewed. The report represents the FY19 year. Mr. Jackson commented that the year ended with a good lapse amount especially with the creative spending that was done to fill the staffing gaps.

Funds Request

- Ms. Yancey requested the approval to continue funding the Dover Temporary Staff that is being paid from county funds (SSS, SS Tech and Office Manager). She said these will most likely not become permanent state positions soon. Mr. Jackson said he would like to see a projection of what these positions will cost at the current rate. Ms. Yancey suggested that we will look at the month of July to have a more accurate idea of how much going forward we will need. Mr. Jackson made the motion approve the positions at the same rate of funding until the next meeting. Ms. Newman seconded the motion. The board accepted.
- Ms. Yancey requested approval to use county travel funds for up to \$825.00 to send one OFI Supervisor to attend the GPHSA Annual conference to be held on August 26-28, 2019 in Savannah, GA. Ms. Newman made the motion to accept. Ms. Nimmons seconded, and the board approved.
- Ms. Yancey requested approval to continue funding 10% of the total Clarke/Oconee cost for Happy Faces Documentation Services. Mr. Jackson made the motion to approve, Ms. Newman seconded, and the board approved.

PROGRAMS

Office of Family Independence

There is one ESS vacancy currently in the interview process.

The Food Stamp Standard of Promptness is 89.32% and the Family Medicaid SOP is 75.47%. Oconee currently has 504 Food Stamp Cases, 851 Medicaid Cases, seven (7) TANF cases and 337 ABD Cases.

The board requested a report for the next meeting that has data that will show a comparison to other counties.

Social Services

Ms. Yancey present the board with report generated from SHINES that showed the Active Totals for the month. She asked the board what reports they thought would be beneficial for them and they agreed they would like ones they have been getting that shows the comparison between years.

Ms. Yancey updated the board on HR Pass regarding some proposed changes that are being made. Ms. Newman asked if other agencies were using HR Pass and is so does it work. Currently Child Support and the Division of Aging does; however, the structure of these agencies are very different than DFCS because they do not have as many different positions to deal with.

Other Business

Ms. Bennett requested an agenda topic for the next meeting be how other boards support their offices. She attended the Regional Board Meeting and said she heard several good ideas. She also said that they are wanting to elect some Regional Officers. The next Regional meeting will be October 7, 2019 at Clarke County DFCS. The Oconee board will discuss at the next meeting who can attend as a representative.

The board would like to explore the "Ride Along" idea again. Ms. Newman mentioned the idea of possibly the board coming and sitting in the office at the front desk also to assist the staff.

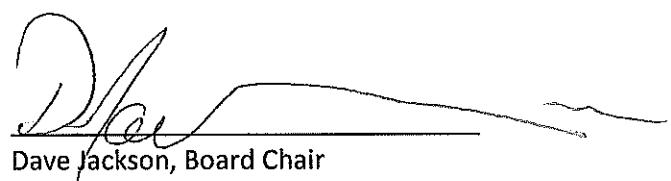
Next Board Meeting

September 19, 2019

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:


Mary Barrett Yancey, Secretary


Dave Jackson, Board Chair