

Monthly Director's Report to

Board of Social Services



April 2017

Submitted by:
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- ❖ The Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation approved by the Henderson County Commissioners on April 3, 2017 is attached.
- ❖ Seven agency supervisors are registered to attend two Office of State Human Resources (OSHR) training sessions this spring. Six supervisors will participate in Employee Relations Training which provides a thorough explanation of the progressive disciplinary action policy and processes for our staff that is subject to the State Human Resources Act. Three supervisors will attend Leadership Foundations Training which is designed to prepare frontline supervisors with essential leadership knowledge, skills and practice. Two supervisors are attending both trainings. These trainings will help prepare our supervisors for their day to day work with staff.
- ❖ Staff and I met with the foster parent's association to discuss establishing a mentoring program to match newly licensed foster parents with experienced foster parents. They are excited about this project.
- ❖ On April 5, 2017 our employees participated in the Annual Service Luncheon provided by Henderson County to recognize staff who reached employment milestones in 2016. Robert Jones, Tina Morgan and Williams Purcell received their twenty year award. Cindy Doyle, Suzie Nanney and Frank Verhaeghe received their twenty-five year award.
- ❖ Recent NC Bills related to DHHS; please add these to the bill tracker I sent you on 3/30/17:

House Bills:

- ❖ 226-- Consultation Requirements for DHHS
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H226v1.pdf> (requires DHHS consult with the House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety to consult with prior to implementing any new Safety Planning Policy regarding Safety Assessments (DSS-5132) and the use of Temporary Parental Safety Agreements)
- ❖ 539-- Access to Elderly Adults
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H539v1.pdf>
- ❖ 582-- Abuse & Neglect Resources/Anon. Tip Line App
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H582v1.pdf>
- ❖ 585-- Extend Statute of Limitations/Child Sex Abuse
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H585v1.pdf>
- ❖ 608/SB 594 Family/Child Protection & Accountability Act
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/Senate/PDF/S594v1.pdf>
- ❖ 610-- Funds for NC Pre-K/Tier 3 Counties
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H610v0.pdf>

- ❖ 611-- Clarify Objective/Child Protective Services
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H611v0.pdf>
- ❖ 618-- Improve Healthcare IT Systems Efficiency
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H618v0.pdf>
- ❖ 630-- Rylan's Law/CPS Observation
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H630v0.pdf>
- ❖ 640-- Repeal Certificate of Need Laws
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H640v0.pdf>
- ❖ 647-- Task Force on Homelessness
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H647v0.pdf>
- ❖ 657-- Improve Adult Care Home Regulation
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H657v0.pdf>
- ❖ 658-- Early Literacy Initiative/Funds
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H658v0.pdf>
- ❖ 662 -- Carolina Cares
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H662v0.pdf>

WOULD RECOMMEND

SENATE:

- ❖ 481-- Waiver/Prohibit Certain Foods/SNAP
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/Senate/PDF/S481v1.pdf>
- ❖ 603-- Exceptional Educ. for Exceptional Children
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/Senate/PDF/S603v1.pdf>

Employees of the Month: The April Employees of the Month list is attached.

Attachments:

1. 2017 Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation
2. April Employees of the Month