

Monthly Director's Report to Board of Social Services



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~ Update on NC Fast Child Welfare: on July 31 the pilot counties will “go live” in NC Fast. This will begin the roll out for all 100 counties. We are in group 5 with a planned “go live” date of April 2018.

~ The state budget was passed on June 28. Funding authorizations will be issued in the near future allowing us to see the financial impact of newly enacted legislation on our funding streams.

~ House Bill 630, Rylan’s Law / Family Child Protection and Accountability Act, was approved as part of the budget bill. County DSS regionalization is not required but is allowed under the new law.

~ House Bill 630 directs DHHS to contract with a third party organization to develop a plan to reform the state social services system. The system reform plan must address many elements. One of those elements is continuous quality improvement (CQI) for social services at the state, regional and county level.

~ In preparation for NC Fast and reform in child welfare, we have upgraded a vacant position to a CQI position. The upgrade has been approved by Henderson County and has been sent to the Office of State Human Resources (OSHR). We will post and fill this position as soon as we have the required State approval. This position will be critical as we continue to work on our program development plan (PDP) in child welfare and as we prepare to move from paper files to electronic files in NC Fast.

~ Awnings were installed over our employee entrances in late June. We have heard many positive comments and have expressed appreciation to county administration.

~ I attended the Social Services Director’s Legal Conference at the School of Government in June. The training was very informative with excellent handouts and resource material for future use.

~ In an effort to create consistency within the agency we reviewed the agency performance evaluation process at our monthly supervisor’s meeting in June.

~ Attached you will find the following resources: 1) Key DHHS/DSS acronyms, 2) Related North Carolina General Statutes, and 3) Key Websites and Links. I hope you find these helpful.

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

Attachments:

- Key DSS Resources
- July Employees of the Month