

Monthly Director's Report to Board of Social Services



December 2017

Submitted by:
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~ On November 14, 2017 Henderson County Department of Social Services received a request from Jessica Huseman, of the Boston Globe, to provide information to her under the NC Public Records Law, GS 132.1 on children who have died as a result of child abuse or neglect between January 1, 2011 and December 30, 2016. After much research and work with County Attorney Russ Burrell, we released information on one fatality. We did not provide all of the information that Ms. Huseman requested, only information allowed by statute.

~ On Tuesday, December 5, 2017 Michael Becketts, Assistant Secretary of NC DHHS, visited Henderson County DSS. Kevin Marino and I shared information and concerns about child welfare and economic services with Mr. Becketts. We had a lengthy conversation that was both direct and productive.

~ Michael Edney, Amy Brantley, Susan Davis, Kevin Marino and I attended the Child Welfare Convening, THRIVE, in Asheville on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. This event was sponsored by the North Carolina County Commissioners Association and NCDHHS. Child Welfare 101 information was presented including information about DSS Court. Specific county data was reviewed by each individual county. I will share the presentation with the Board when I receive it from the event sponsor.

~ *MERRY CHRISTMAS* ~

Employees of the Month: The December Employees of the Month list is enclosed.