

Henderson County Board of Social Services

May 20th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order

The Henderson County Board of Social Services meeting was called to order by Chair Simpson at 12:01 pm.

Board Members Present	Josh Simpson, Chair Melinda Lowrance, Member Stephen Gwaltney, Member Rebecca McCall, Member Amy Holt, Member
Staff Leadership Present	Lorie Horne, Social Services Director Debra Dunn, Deputy Director Melissa Novack, Finance Officer Candice Fowler, Administrative Assistant Libby Myers, SW Program Manager
Guest	None

B. Public Input

None

C. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

D. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Holt moved to approve the April 15th, 2025, minutes, Mr. Gwaltney seconded the motion. All board members were in favor; the minutes were approved.

E. Reports

Director's Monthly Report (Attachment I)

Questions Only

Chair Simpson asked about the current work requirements for Medicaid. Director Horne stated that there are no work requirements if the client is within the income limits.

May Employees of the Month (Attachment II)

Questions only

None

April 2024- April 2025 Statistical Report (Attachment III)

Questions only

May Program Administrator's Report (Attachment IV)

Questions only

Director Horne stated that the Disaster Energy program remaining balance is \$35,998 after the state reallocated funds. Mrs. Lowrance asked if there were any funds left over from the disaster rental program. Director Horne stated that there were no remaining funds.

Chair Simpson asked if CPS case numbers rise in the spring. Mrs. Dunn stated yes, cases typically rise in the spring and again when school starts in the fall.

Financial Report April 2025 (Attachment V)

Mrs. Novack informed the board that we are at 83.3% spent, and overall, we are slightly underspent. A budget update: all changes were accepted except for two, our counteroffers were reflected in the county manager's budget. The two new vehicles are unfunded. Mrs. Novack stated that the contracted services, if pushed to \$550,000 no services, would be dropped or reduced, but we would be limited in taking on any new clients and could not accommodate any rate increases for vendors. Mrs. Novack stated that we can maintain service at the current level on a \$620,000 budget.

G. Old Business

DSS Staffing Update

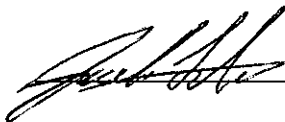
Director Horne stated that we currently have ten vacancies, we have two jobs that closed on 5/19/25 and will be going through the interview process. If the two scheduled new hires start in June, we will be down to eight vacancies.

H. Closed Session

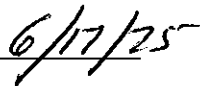
Chair Simpson made a motion for the board to go into closed session at 12:19 pm.

I. Adjournment


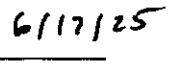
Chair Simpson made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Gwaltney seconded the motion. Chair Simpson adjourned the meeting at **12:57 pm**.



Josh Simpson, Chair



Date

Lorie Horne, Secretary to the Board Date

Attachments:

- I. Director's Report – May 2025
- II. May Employees of the Month
- III. Statistical Report – April 2025
- IV. Program Administrators' Report – May 2025
- V. Financial Report – April 2024