

Minutes

- The Chowan County Board of Social Services held their regular meeting on Friday, January 24, 2014 at 8:00am at the Chowan County Department of Social Services. In attendance were board members Jack Perry, Janet Hines, Darnell White, Philip Thomason, Dr. Alex Kehayes, and DSS Director Clifton Hardison.
- Board Chair, Jack Perry called the meeting to order.
- Minutes of the December 2013 Regular Board Meeting and the Special DSS Board Minutes from January 6, 2014 were approved upon a motion made by Janet Hines, seconded by Philip Thomason with a unanimous vote.
- There were no public comments.
- Board Training was conducted by Ms. Karen Shuler. Ms. Shuler is the Lead Worker in the Eligibility Program. Currently the Eligibility Program administers Food and Nutrition and Medicaid. The training concentrated in the areas of NC Health Choice.

Ms. Shuler explained North Carolina Health Choice (NCHC) for Children is a free or reduced price comprehensive health care program for children. The goal of the NCHC Program is to reduce the number of uninsured children in the State to ensure that the population served will be healthy and ready to learn and work. If a family makes too much money to qualify for Medicaid but too little to afford health insurance premiums, the children may qualify for NCHC.

NCHC is also known federally as Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). NCHC has gone thru several changes in the past few years. Originally the program was actually health insurance serviced by Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS). Each recipient received a BCBS insurance card. But now NCHC is serviced and billed by NC Medicaid. Each recipient now gets a NC Medicaid card.

There are some key differences in the programs. NCHC is a program for coverage of children for families with income between 133% and 211% of the federal poverty level. There are two different classifications of coverage. For those applicants with income between 133% and 159% no fee is required to enroll in NCHC. For those applicants with income between 159% and 211% a \$50.00 enrollment fee must be paid for each child, not to exceed \$100.00 per family, to enroll in NCHC. Covered services are different from Medicaid and recipients have different copays for certain services than a Medicaid recipient would have. For instance NCHC does not cover orthodontic braces but Medicaid does. Nor will NCHC pay for pregnancy related services. NCHC beneficiaries are not eligible for Medicaid funded transportation services.

Doctors must enroll in NC Medicaid to accept NCHC as payment.

NCHC is for children age 6 thru 18. Children under 6 and over 18 must qualify under regular Medicaid income levels.

A key requirement to be eligible under NCHC is that a child must not already be covered under a comprehensive medical plan. Medicaid children are allowed to have other insurance.

NCHC eligibility is based on income; you must be a US citizen, a NC resident. There is no resource test for this program.

Ms. Blount concluded the training and answered questions from the board.

- Ms. Letecia Newton, Supervisor of the Services Unit presented the annual Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) Report.

- Board agreed to schedule the 2014 DSS Board Meetings to the third Tuesday of each month at DSS, beginning at 8AM. This board action was approved upon a motion made by Philip Thomason, seconded by Janet Hines with a unanimous vote.
- Mr. Hardison reported the following in his Director's report for the services month of December 2013:

CHOWAN COUNTY DSS SNAPSHOT 12-13

Food and Nutrition Services	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Active Cases	1,795	1,811	1,836	1,847	2,184	1,846						
Total Participants	3,621	3,614	3,307	2,415	4,227	3,436						
Total Benefits	235,0792	413,714	471,367	375,956	302,894	390,090	396,771					
Applications Taken	not avail	124	124	189	129	97						
Applications Approved	not avail	81	81	100	108	75						
Applications Denied	not avail	8	8	10	17	23						
Applications Withdrawn	not avail	9	9	23	26	20						
Reviews Processed	not avail	203	not avail	not avail	156							
Average Caseload per Worker	not avail	not avail										

Note:

Work First Family Assistance	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Total Active Work First Cases	46	45	44	43	48	47						
Child Only Cases	39	39	38	37	39	38						
Parent	7	6	6	6	9	9						
Incapacitated Persons	1	1	2	2	3	1						
Participation Rate	25%	25%	0%	25%								
Applications Taken	4	5	6	8	7	10						
Applications Approved	3	2	2	1	5	7						
Applications Denied	1	2	1	4	3	3						
Applications Withdrawn	1	1	1	2	0	0						
Reviews Completed	3	0	3	2	3	6						
Cases Terminated	2	2	0	1	0	0						
Cases Transferred to Other Aid Prog	4	3	4	1	0	0						
Emergency Assistance Applications	13	37	11	0	0	10						
200% Applications	11	13	9	0	0	1						

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CRISIS	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
CIP Applications Approved	11	5	37	41	99	67						
CIP Applications Denied	21	9	39	19	21	11						
CIP Balance	0	61,763	55,606	41,110	25,316	10,130						
LIEAP Applications Approved	0	0	0	0	0	181						
LIEAP Applications Denied	0	0	0	0	0	33						
LIEAP Balance	0	0	0		96,176	76,576						

Note:

CHILDREN PROTECTIVE SERVICES	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Children in DSS Custody	7	4	4	4	3	9						
Reports Received	10	20	22	21	17	17						
Reports Accepted	6	12	11	13	12	7						
Abuse	2	3	3	1	0	2						
Neglect	8	17	19	20	17	15						
Dependency	0	0	0	0	0	0						

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Wards	4	4	4	3	4	1						
Reports Received	1	0	2	2	0	2						

Note:

MEDICAID	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Cases	2,569	2,549	2,560	2,599	2,582	2,646						
Individuals Served	3,139	3,128	3,145	3,202	3,187	3,196						
Applications Taken	132	163	144	101	89	86						
Applications Approved	82	75	77	92	58	47						
Applications Denied	53	64	64	51	49	37						
Applications Withdrawn	3	5	5	4	4	6						
Reviews Completed	158	151	158	176	166	124						
Changes	1,348	393	1,600	608	211	225						

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CHILD CARE	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	J
Children Served	184	185	153	168	179	182						
Waiting List	54	63	33	20	0	0						
Benefit Amount	57,300	56,260	44,921	44,859	47,203	46,959						

ADMINISTRATION	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	J
Visitors	1,304	1,335	1,314	1,374	1,228							

Operating 12% under budget.

CHILD SUPPORT

TOTAL COLLECTIONS			PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT				CASES UNDER ORDER				
SFY Actual	Goal	% of Goal	Prev BOW	Pat Est	%PatEst	Goal	Open Cases	CUO	%CUO	Goal	
\$980,757	2,109,788	46.49%	976	968	98.18%	100.00	1,298	1,232	94.92%	90.00%	12-13
\$821,450	2,109,788	38.94%	976	963	98.67%	100.00	1,307	1,235	94.49%	90.00%	11-13
\$666,124	\$2,109,788	31.57%	976	954	97.75%	100.00%	1,305	1,235	94.64%	90.00%	10-13
\$490,955	\$2,109,788	23.27%	976	943	96.62%	100.00%	1,304	1,238	94.94%	90.00%	9-13
\$342,065	\$2,109,788	16.21%	976	930	95.29%	100.00%	1,310	1,251	95.50%	90.00%	8-13
\$160,860	\$2,109,788	7.62%	976	916	93.85%	100.00%	1,323	1,254	94.78%	90.00%	7-13

CURRENT SUPPORT				ARREARS				MEDICAL			
CSup due	CSup Coll	%CurCol	Goal	Cas Arr due	Cas Arr Col	%Arr	Goal	MedCase	MedSup	%Med	
\$1,132,962	\$718,541	63.42%	65.02%	1,115	649	58.21%	68.23%	Not avail	Not avail	Not avail	12-13
\$945,326	\$599,585	63.43%	65.02%	1,108	624	56.32%	68.23%	858	731	85.20	11-13
\$755,529	\$482,090	63.81%	65.02%	1,098	599	54.55%	68.23%	854	723	84.66%	10-13
\$565,910	\$360,115	63.63%	65.02%	1,080	529	48.98%	68.23%	851	717	84.25%	9-13
\$378,070	\$243,376	64.37%	65.02%	1,067	487	45.64%	68.23%	858	719	83.80%	8-13
\$188,273	\$121,389	64.47%	65.02%	1,046	367	35.09%	68.23%	860	720	83.72%	7-13

MISCELLANEOUS

Director Travels:

NCACDSS Committee Meetings / Exe Bd....Raleigh.....Feb 11-13
Eastern Regional Meeting.....February 26-28

Mr. Hardison concluded his report.

- In Timely and Important Matters – None
- The meeting was called into Closed Session by a motion from Dr. Alex Kehayes with reference to NCGS 143-318 (11) (a) (1 and6), discussion of confidential information and personnel matter, seconded by Philip Thomason with a unanimous vote.
- The Board entered back into open session.
- The meeting was adjourned upon a motion made by Janet Hines, seconded by Dr. Alex Kehayes with a unanimous vote.

Submitted by,

Clifton Hardison, Director