

# REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

## HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** September 17, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Statement of Intention for Standard or Electing Status for the Work First Program

**ATTACHMENTS:** Form: Request for Standard or Electing Status for the Work First Program (Attachment I)

### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

State law requires each county, biennially, to submit a County Work First Block Grant Plan to the Division of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The SFY 2010-2011 Plan is due to the state October 31, 2008.

Each county Board of Commissioners is required, by Statute, to notify the State as to whether the county selects standard or electing status. Notification includes documentation of majority vote and Chairman's signature (Attachment I). This information is due to DHHS by September 26, 2008.

The Henderson County Board of Social Services recommends continuing status as a standard county. Standard status is recommended based on:

- Current and projected slow economy
- Financial risk to electing status counties if resident participation exceeds capped Federal revenue
  - ⇒ Electing counties are responsible for the cost of cash assistance payments that result from increased caseloads beyond the funds that have been allocated
  - ⇒ Standard counties are not required to budget additional funds if caseloads increase beyond the level projected in estimates

### BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Designation of standard status for Henderson County's Work First Program.

### Suggested Motion:

*I move the Board approve continuance of Standard county status for Henderson County's FY 2010-2011 Work First Biennium Plan.*

Henderson County, North Carolina

**Request for Standard or Electing Status for the Work First Program**

The Board of Commissioners of Henderson County voted on September 17, 2008

(Date)

to request  Standard **or**  Electing (Check one) Status for the Work First Program.

The vote was \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_ against (at least two-thirds in favor).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Chair Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**The primary contact person for our Work First Block Grant planning process will be:**

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**Due Date: September 26, 2008**

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