

Monthly Director's Report to Board of Social Services



July 2018

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- ~ I attended the School of Government Social Service's Directors' Legal Conference on June 27th and 28th. The conference presentations were very informative. One session, "Lessons from the Field: Managing a Ransomware Attack" that was presented by Davidson County increased my awareness of both the potential for attack and the availability of insurance to cover losses.
- ~ NCDHHS is still onsite at Cherokee County DSS. Some of the previously assigned State staff have recently returned to their primary positions. We have not had a visit or conference call with our children's program representative (CPR) or child welfare monitor since February 21, 2018. We have continued work on our program development plan (PDP) and our corrective action plan (CAP) and feel we are making significant progress on the identified goals. Our CPR has notified us that he has resumed his previous duties and has scheduled to visit late next week.
- ~ The NC Legislature has adjourned until November 27, 2018 at 12pm. While in session they passed SL 2018-78 which is titled "AN ACT AMENDING THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICE". There is much concern that this law will shift funeral expenses to the Department of Social Services for more unclaimed bodies.
- ~ The Times News published the article on our Family Centered Recovery Initiative supported by The Duke Endowment on both June 24 and July 8, 2018. I have included a copy of the article in your packet.

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