

Monthly Director's Report to Board of Social Services



January 2017

Submitted by:
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- Kevin Marino, Lorie Horne and I met with representatives from the Henderson County Foster Parents Association in late December to discuss mutual support between staff and foster parents. It was a positive meeting in which we identified focus areas.
- Chuck McGrady met with area early childhood education representatives in early January to discuss current issues needing the attention of the Legislature and State. Issues specific to child day care were addressed. I represented our child care subsidy program at the meeting. Chuck stated one of the legislative priorities is to raise the age from 16 years to 18 years for adulthood in North Carolina.
- Kevin Marino and I met with staff from the Duke Endowment to discuss potential funding to support Henderson County children and families. We have received some initial written information regarding the application process. We will keep you updated on the potential for a partnership with Duke and a private service provider.
- Work continues with the Family Justice Center and other county agencies to develop a strategic plan regarding community collaboration in the areas of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse and sexual assault.
- Steve Smith, Director of the Health Dept. and his administrative staff met with us to discuss joint issues including continuing to work on a plan for building safety.
- I wrote a thank you letter to the community for their help in providing Christmas gifts for our children and adults. The letter was published in The Times-News on January 5, 2017.
- Information presented by Steve Wyatt at the County Budget Workshop on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 included \$800,000 for NC Fast Child Welfare. We continue to participate in monthly calls regarding the system requirements and will update our projection as information becomes available.

Employees of the Month: The January Employees of the Month list is attached.

Attachments:

- I. Employees of the Month