

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
REGULAR SESSION**

**June 11, 2019**

The Pitt County Board of Social Services met in Regular Session at 4:00 p.m. on this date in the Eugene James Auditorium located on the second floor of the Pitt County Office Building, 1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, N.C. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct the official business of the Pitt County Board of Social Services. Board members and Management Team staff present:

**Board Members**

Members Present  
Melonie Bryan, Chair  
James Cox, Vice Chair  
Mary Perkins-Williams  
Catherine Nelson  
Shelia Bunch

**Agency Staff**

Members Present  
Jan Y. Elliott, Director  
Gwen Burns, Deputy Director  
Bryan Averette, ESS Prog. Admin  
Cynthia Ross, SW Prog. Manager  
Michele McCorkle, FSS Prog. Administrator

**County Manager Rep.**

Members Present  
Brian Barnett, Dep. Co. Manager  
Scott Elliott, Co. Manager

**Call to Order**

Chair Bryan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Moment of Silent Prayer**

Chair Bryan offered a moment of silent prayer or meditation before the meeting began.

**Public Comments**

Chair Bryan opened the floor for public comments. No one had submitted a form or signed in to speak.

**Adopt or Revise the Agenda**

Item presented by: Chair Bryan  
Discussion: The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed by the Board.  
Motion Made: To adopt the agenda as presented.  
Motion Made by: Mary Perkins-Williams  
Motion seconded by: Jim Cox  
Motion passed: The motion was passed unanimously.

**Action on minutes of previous meeting**

Item presented by: Chair Bryan  
Item Description: Minutes of May meeting  
Discussion: Chair Bryan asked if there were any revisions to be made to the minutes of the May meeting.  
Motion Made: To accept the minutes as presented.  
Motion Made by: Mary Perkins-Williams  
Motion seconded by: Catherine Nelson  
Motion passed: Unanimous

**Recognitions**

**LINKS Graduation**

Ms. Shante Carson stated LINKS had 10 High School graduates and 2 GED graduates this year. The Greenville Quilting

Guild donated quilts to be given as presents to the graduates. They were also be presented with graduation gifts from Social Services and Commissioner Albright. As the graduates came up to get their gifts and choose their quilt, they introduced themselves and stated what their future plans were. A short reception was held afterwards.

### **Recognition of Melonie Bryan**

Ms. Elliott stated the Agency wanted to recognize Melonie Bryan for her years of service on the Board and as the Chair since 2015. Noted that she was a strong advocate for Social Services. Vice Chair Cox presented the plaque to Chair Bryan.

### **Items for Consent**

**Item Presented:** National Independent Living Conference Trip Request - LINKS  
**Item Presented by:** Melonie Bryan, Chair

Chair Bryan presented the information on the trip request, which is a yearly conference. Agency policy requires Board approval.

**Motion Made:** To approve the trip as presented.  
**Motion Made by:** Mary Perkins-Williams  
**Motion seconded by:** Shelia Bunch  
**Motion passed:** Unanimous

### **Items for Report**

**Item Presented:** Elder Abuse/APS Update  
**Item Presented by:** Cynthia Ross, Adult Services Prog. Admin.

Ms. Ross noted June was Elder Abuse Prevention Month. Went over the power point presentation. Stated an Elder Abuse Awareness Walk is scheduled for Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Chair asked what factor(s) contributed to the big jump in reports. Ms. Ross replied more people are getting displaced to Pitt County, there is more community awareness and there is an increase in mental health clients.

### **Items for Discussion**

**Item Presented:** DSS Board County Commissioner Appointee  
**Item Presented by:** Melonie Bryan, Chair

Chair Bryan opened the floor for recommendations of an appointee to give to the County Commissioners to approve at the next Commissioners meeting.

**Motion:** Motion made to recommend Mr. Darone Dancy to the DSS Board.  
**Motion Presented by:** Jim Cox  
**Motion Seconded by:** Mary Perkins-Williams  
**Motion passed:** Motion passed unanimously

### **Director's Report**

Ms. Elliott stated there was nothing new on the MOU and the Medicaid Transformation. The Medicaid application report has continued to do well. Got the waiver, so have a full 12 months on record as meeting the requirements. Smallest number of position vacancies. Have more new staff starting. Starting to see relief with workloads as DSS slowly gets fully staffed. Have the big event with Great Harvest Bread starting June 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-9 to raise money for Foster Care. Will also get 15% off a non-profit bar they will be selling. Have already received a large donation. There is a proposed rule change for the Federal Poverty levels, which would exclude large number of current clients due to the lower income limits. Asking permission to sign on to a letter opposing the change.

Motion: Motion made to support letter in opposition of changes to Federal Poverty Levels.  
Motion Presented by: Mary Perkins-Williams  
Motion Seconded by: Jim Cox  
Motion passed: Motion passed unanimously

**Board Member Comments**

The Board Members all stated how much they would miss Chair Bryan.

Motion: Motion made to adjourn  
Motion Presented by: Shelia Bunch  
Motion Seconded by: Mary Perkins-Williams  
Motion passed: Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Y. Elliott  
Director

Melonie Bryan  
Chair

Susan May  
Clerk to the Board