



WAYNE COUNTY DFCS BOARD MEETING  
December 18, 2024  
Minutes

- I. **The Call of Meeting to Order was done by Dawana Mitchner. Seconded by Terry Thomas.**
- II. Roll Call – Members present for the meeting were Dawana Mitchner, Chairman, Susan DeLeGal, Vice-Chairman, Joy Surrency, Terry Thomas, Linda Hall, Autumn Starling, Director F. 'Sandy' Jordan, LaShalla Wooten, and Sheila Gilder. Brandon Williams was absent.  
A quorum was established as at least four members were present.
- III. **Reading and Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2024**  
Each board member reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read with Linda Hall making the motion to accept the minutes as reviewed and Susan DeLeGal seconded the motion.
- IV. **Approval of County Expenses**  
The Board Members reviewed the county expenses for November 2024. Total expenses for November were \$165.00. Susan DeLeGal motioned to approve. Dawana Mitchner seconded. No approval needed for expenses as less than \$501.00. It was discussed to send the county expenses for reimbursement to Amanada Hannah, Clerk for County Commissioners, earlier in the month so the reimbursement would be received before they are past due on the DFCS books. Dawana Mitchner made motion to approve to submit with Mrs. Jordan's signature, Linda Hall seconded.
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. **Employee Appreciation** – Director Sandy Jordan stated the staff enjoyed a meal at Family Traditions. Terry Thomas was in attendance to show support. They had a good turn out and it was a success. The estimated total amount was \$296. We are waiting on signed minutes to send up with the invoice.
  - B. **Annual DFCS Report** - Director Sandy Jordan stated your report was submitted on December 6<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the final report is included in today's board packet.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. OFI Stats as of 11/30/2024**

#### **TANF –**

Number of active cases – 47

Number of active clients – 17

Number of applications processed – 3

Monthly of TANF benefits issued - \$6,828.

#### **Food Stamps –**

Number of active cases – Regular Food Stamps – 2,051

Number of active cases – Sr. SNAP Food Stamps – 631

Number of active cases – TOTAL – 2,682

Number of active clients – 5,906

Number of applications processed – 187

Monthly Food Stamp benefits issued - \$1,084,065.

#### **Medicaid –**

Number of active cases – Family Medicaid – 2,472

Number of active cases – ABD Medicaid – 1,169

Number of active cases – Total Medicaid – 3,641

Number of active clients – 6,559

Number of applications processed – 180.

### **Social Services Stats as of 11/30/2024**

Wayne County had the following:

28 Foster Care cases

6 Investigations

1 CPS Ongoing

2 Family Support

0 Non-Incident Courtesy Interview

1 ICPC – Other State

0 CPS Voluntary Kinship Caregiver

16 OTI – Secondary Assignments

### **Child Placement Types Active During the Month**

Adoptive Home	7
CPA Family Foster Home	7
Child Care Institution	5
DFCS Family Foster Home	13
ICPC – Relative	6
Non-Custodial Parent	2
Other Person	1
Parent/Primary Caretaker	7
Relative – unpaid	2

Numbers for OFI stats will be shared as received. There is a delay in receipt of monthly stats across the state. Replacement benefits were issued in October. DSNAP also issued benefits.

B. **Annual DFCS Budget** - Sandy Jordan, County Director states that the 2025 Annual Budget has been prepared for the same amount as the 2024 Annual Budget. Upon Mrs. Jordan's and Mrs. Mitchner's signature, it will be sent to the County Commissioners for their approval and signature. A copy will be sent to our regional accounting office for their records.

C. **New Hire – Justin Warren** – Sandy Jordan, County Director states that Mr. Warren started on December 16<sup>th</sup>. He will be an Investigator.

## **VII. Board Member Concerns**

- A. Terry Thomas showed concern of the family where the grandmother was killed, mother would be released from jail for the funeral, aunt has the children and trying to help.
- B. Terry Thomas also asked if we had very many children who age out of the system. Sandy Jordan, County Director stated we have one turning 21 who is going into public guardianship. Under a transitional program, he/she will be taught life skills and will have a home.
- C. Susan DeLeGal suggested spending some of the funds to restock needed items at the office. Car seats and lice kits are needed items. Terry Thomas seconded to purchase as many as needed.

## **VIII. Board Community News**

- A. Crossroads Church of God held a drive to collect bookbags. DFCS will need them today to give out to children.
- B. Wayne County Family Connection Meetings are now held on Tuesdays at the Housing Authority building 367 N Bamboo St. The next meeting is on January 28, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
- C. Repack the Backpack event to be held at Farmers Market on January 7, 2025.
- D. Dawana Mitchner, Chair, attended the regional advisory board meeting. She stated the following: 190,000 applied for DSNAP; 177,049 approved; > \$105 million received in benefits. She also stated that staffing was discussed. The goal is to keep the state salary competitive in the job market.

## **IX. Next Meeting**


Next meeting will be on January 15, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

## **X. Adjournment**

With no other business to discuss, the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dawana Mitchner and seconded by Terry Thomas.

Respectfully,

  
Dawana Mitchner, Chairman

  
F. 'Sandy' Jordan, Secretary