



WAYNE COUNTY DFCS BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2025
Minutes

- I. **The Call of Meeting to Order was done by Susan DeLeGal. Seconded by Dawana Mitchner.**
- II. Roll Call – Members present for the meeting were Dawana Mitchner, Chairman, Susan DeLeGal, Vice-Chairman, Joy Surrency, Linda Hall, Autumn Starling, Director F. 'Sandy' Jordan, and LaShalla Wooten. Terry Thomas and Brandon Williams were absent.
A quorum was established as at least four members were present.
- III. **Reading and Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2024**
Each board member reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read with Dawana Mitchner making the motion to accept the minutes as reviewed and Linda Hall seconded the motion.
- IV. **Approval of County Expenses**
The Board Members reviewed the county expenses for December 2024. Total expenses for December were \$620.60. Dawana Mitchner motioned to approve. Linda Hall seconded. It was discussed to send the county expenses for reimbursement to Amanada Hannah, Clerk for County Commissioners, earlier so the reimbursement would be received at regional accounting timely, before they are past due. Dawana Mitchner made motion to approve submitted expenses with Mrs. Jordan's signature. Linda Hall seconded.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **Approved Expenses for 2024** – Director Sandy Jordan stated the staff enjoyed a meal at Family Traditions last month. Terry Thomas was in attendance to show support. They had a good turn out and it was a success. The estimated total amount was \$296.00. Director Sandy Jordan also stated that time was not on our side this year to utilize the funds voted on in the last meeting. Mrs. Jordan plans to track expense balance closely and decide whether to make additional purchases prior to the end of fiscal year.

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. **GCIC Audit** - Director Sandy Jordan stated on January 21, 2025 @ 1:00 pm Wayne County DFCS will be undergoing their annually GBI audit.
- C. **Issue with the Phone Lines**– AT&T was down due to a destroyed transformer box causing the line to get scrambled. Thanks to Mrs. Susan DeLeGal for advocating for us. Issue has now been resolved.
- D. **Car Seats**- Sandy Jordan, County Director plans to purchase 2 car seats and 2 pack and plays with Dawana Mitchner accepted this motion to move forward, motion seconded by Autumn Starling. Also, Dawana Mitchner agreed to provide point of contact information on how to receive donated car seats.

VII. Board Member Concerns

- A. Dawana Mitchner suggested a memo of the dates for the 2025 Board Meetings.
- B. Susan DeLeGal discussed attending the Local Eggs and Issues hosted by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Senator Blake Tillery, one of the guest speakers, was asked if there were any upcoming changes specific to DFCS. None were provided, however; faith-based support for foster families and children in foster care was discussed and how there are the same number of churches in the state as there are children in foster care. It was not specified that each church should adopt but that these entities be considered as supports. Several board members had comments about faith-based support and possible changes for the foster care system.
- C. Joy Surrency asked a good question “How hard is it to become a foster parent?” Director Jordan explained the process to become a foster parent.

VIII. Board Community News

- A. 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.

IX. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on February 19, 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 Joy Surrency.

Respectfully,


Dawana Mitchner, Chairman


F. 'Sandy' Jordan, Secretary