



WAYNE COUNTY DFCS BOARD MEETING  
January 21, 2026  
Minutes

**I. Meeting Called to Order by Dawana Mitchner. Seconded by Susan DeLeGal.**

- II.** Roll Call—Members present for the meeting were Dawana Mitchner, Chairman, Susan DeLeGal, Vice-Chairman, Joy Surrency, Autumn Starling, Linda Hall, Terry Thomas, Director F. ‘Sandy’ Jordan, and LaShalla Wooten. Brandon Williams was absent.

A quorum was established as at least four members were present.

**III. Reading and Approval of Minutes—December 17, 2025**

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 Terry Thomas seconded the motion.

**IV. Approval of County Expenses**

The Board Members reviewed the county expenses for December 2025. Total expenses for December 2025 were \$1,858.68. Dawana Mitchner motioned to approve for December 2025. Susan DeLeGal seconded.

**V. Old Business**

- A. Christmas Decorations**-Regional Accounting has put a pause on all checks paid to Walmart, so we had to table the purchase for the Christmas decorations due to Walmart not accepting checks from us at the time. However, we would still like to continue with our purchase of decorations at a later date. Susan DeLeGal motioned to approve with Dawana Mitchner seconded.
- B. Annual Report**-October will be our new annual report due date. We usually go over them in the November meetings, so starting in 2026 we will start making plans to complete it by October.
- C. Bookbags**-We have placed a hold on ordering our bags. Although they have been rejected a few times we are still planning to order once we are clear to resume.

## VI. New Business

### A. OFI Stats as of 12/31/2025

#### **TANF –**

Number of active cases – 63  
Number of active clients – 29  
Number of applications processed – 8  
Monthly TANF benefits issued - \$10,210

#### **Food Stamps –**

Number of active cases – Regular Food Stamps – 2,025  
Number of active cases – Sr. SNAP Food Stamps – 684  
Number of active cases – TOTAL – 2,709  
Number of active clients – 5,879  
Number of applications processed – 100  
Monthly Food Stamp benefits issued - \$1,090,286

#### **Medicaid –**

Number of active cases – Family Medicaid – 2,444  
Number of active cases – ABD Medicaid – 1,296  
Number of active cases – Total Medicaid – 3,740  
Number of active clients – 6,624  
Number of applications processed – 176.

#### **Social Services Stats as of 12/31/2025**

Wayne County had the following:  
18 Foster Care cases  
4 Investigations  
0 CPS Ongoing  
8 Family Support  
0 Non-Incident Courtesy Interview  
0 ICPC – Other State  
0 CPS Voluntary Kinship Caregiver  
1 OTI – Secondary Assignments

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

Adoptive Home	5
CPA Family Foster Home	2
Child Care Institution	4
DFCS Family Foster Home	12
ICPC – Relative	6
Non-Custodial Parent	1
Other Person	1
Parent/Primary Caretaker	7
Relative – unpaid	2

- B. **Proposed Items for 2026**-As we know every year we have these events. We just want to remind you of all the events we have each year. Social Worker Appreciation, Law Enforcement Engagement, Law Enforcement Meet N Greet, Virtual Summer Meetings, October Annual Report, Employee Appreciation, and Christmas Party.
- C. **Social Worker Appreciation**-March 18, 2026, we will be having our Social Workers a luncheon catered by either Chick-Fil-A, Surcheros, or HogNBones. Joy Surrency made a motion to approve, and Linda Hall seconded.
- D. **2026 Schedule**-LaShalla will be sending out the 2026 Board Meeting monthly schedule soon. Please be on the lookout for that.

**VII. Board Member Concerns**

**VIII. Board Community News**

- A. Wayne County Family Connection Meeting will be held on this Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 9:30AM at the Housing Authority building 367 N Bamboo St.

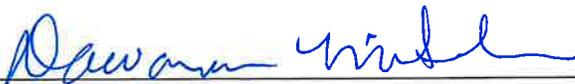
**IX. Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be on February 18, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.

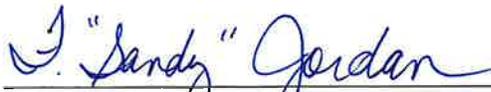
**X. Adjournment**

With no other business to discuss, the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Hall and seconded by Susan DeLeGal.

Respectfully,



Dawana Mitchner, Chairman

  
F. 'Sandy' Jordan, Secretary