

DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Minutes
March 3, 2010

The Durham County Board of Social Services held a budget meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 3:00 p.m., at the Main Street facility in Conference Room 609 Right. The following DSS Board members were in attendance: Chair Gladys Dunston, Vice Chair Newman Aguiar, Mr. Stan Holt, Mrs. Gloria S. Green and Commissioner Joe W. Bowser.

The DSS Department was represented by the following: Mrs. Gerri Robinson, Mrs. Sharon Hirsch, Ms. Rhonda Stevens, Mrs. Toni Pedroza, Ms. Jovetta Whitfield, Mrs. Cathy Simmons and Ms. Montrella R. Springfield.

The meeting was officially called to order by Chair Gladys Dunston

Toni Pedroza presented the revised FY10/11 Budget Proposal with revisions requested by the DSS Board.

FY10/11 Budget Proposal

- Toni Pedroza presented the proposed expenditure reductions:
 - Vacant Positions - \$406,765. (10 School Social Workers positions will not be cut)
 - Administration - \$193,453.
 - Services
 - Emergency Assistance
 - Adult Services, Preventive Services, Protective Services and Food were cut 50% (County)
 - Share Your Christmas and Adolescent Parenting cut 100%
 - Contracts
 - Volunteer (%), Durham Chamber of Commerce and Durham Congregations in Action were cancelled.
 - Misc. Expense Services
 - Total Cut for Services - \$292,855.
 - Public Assistance - \$312,229.
 - Child Support - \$58,500.
 - Total expenditure reductions - \$1,263,802.

➤ New Request

1. Guardianship Assistance - \$38,040.
2. Kinship Care - \$64,000.
3. DMI - \$170,182
4. Total New Request - \$272,222.

Mrs. Pedroza emphasized only one contract would be eliminated due to lack of use. Vendors affected by cuts will receive a letter of notification. Direct payments will not be in the budget next year. DSS will present the budget to the County Manager on March 25, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Bowser will support the Leadership Team at the presentation. A date has not been finalized when the budget will go before the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The DSS Board will request time on the agenda with the BOCC to advocate on behalf of the agency.

Chair Gladys Dunston called for a motion to accept the FY10/11 Proposed Budget. A motion to accept the proposed budget was rendered by Vice Chair Newman Aguiar and seconded by Board Member Gloria S. Green. The FY10/11 Proposed Budget was approved by a unanimous vote.

The DSS Board extended their gratitude to the DSS Leadership for their commitment and hard work on the budget.

Chair Gladys Dunston asked if there were any additional items for discussion. Board member Stan Holt offered a motion for adjournment and Commissioner Joe W. Bowser seconded. The meeting was adjourned by a majority vote.

Respectfully submitted

Chairperson

Date

Secretary to the Board

Date