

**BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 21, 2014
1:00 p.m.
Atlanta, Georgia**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tiena Fletcher, Chair
Monica Walters, Secretary
Frank Auman
Judy Brownell
Randy Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lisa Alexander
Jack Williams
Scott Johnson

Chair Tiena Fletcher called the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Board meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. on May 21, 2014.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the March 19, 2014 Board meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion passed.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Keith Horton presented to the Board the Resolution for the Department of Human Services to Request Bond Issuance.

Ms. Judy Brownell moved that the Board approve and authorize the projects as detailed in the resolution and request that the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission undertake to issue \$3,150,000 in State of Georgia General Obligation bonds for this purpose. Mr. Frank Auman seconded the motion. The resolution was approved by the Board and will be made a part of the official minutes.

Commissioner Horton updated the Board on progress made in completing the backlog of food stamp cases. There are a few standard cases, but there is no longer a backlog. A corrective action plan has been submitted to Food and Nutrition Services. Steps are ongoing to develop a tracking procedure to monitor activity of food stamp cases.

Governor Deal appointed a Child Welfare Reform Council to improve our child welfare system and better protect Georgia's most vulnerable citizens. Modeled after the successful Criminal Justice Reform Council, this council will complete a comprehensive review of the Division of Family and Children Services and advise the Governor on possible executive agency reforms and legislative fixes if necessary.

The Child Welfare Reform Council will meet on a monthly basis and will forward recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature for DHS to enact. The first meeting was held at the beginning of this month. Dr. Sharon Hill presented to the Council on all details of DFCS. A presentation was also given by Melissa Carter of the Barton Law Policy Clinic from the standpoint of where Georgia stands policy-wise.

The Commissioner stated we have embraced the support from the Child Welfare Reform Council, outside parties concerned about the child welfare system in Georgia, as well as the Governor's initiatives on privatization. He looks forward to continue improving and making a positive impact on Georgia's child welfare system.

Thus concluded the Commissioner's report.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair, Frank Auman adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Human Services is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Monica Walters, Secretary

APPROVED:

Tiena Fletcher, Chairperson