

# **Rutherford County**



## **Meeting Minutes - Draft - Outline**

**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

**4:00 PM**

**389 Fairground Road, Spindale, NC 28160**

### **Social Services Board**

## I. Welcome and Call to Order

Chairperson Barbara Thompson, Member Georgia Steele, Member David Herndon, Vice Chairperson Bryan King, and Member Joseph Maimone

## II. Discussion and Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson King and seconded by Member Steele to approve the Agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote:

## III. Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Member Herndon and seconded by Member Maimone to approve the Minutes. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## IV. Public Comments

*No Public Comments*

## V. Personnel Report

*Dr. Marino asked if there were any questions regarding the Personnel Report as presented in the Agenda packet.*

*Mrs. Bridges introduced the new employees in Economic Services: Ms. Lydia Shaneberger, Mr. Daniel Smith, and Ms. Dawnette Hodge.*

[ID 21-2944](#)

### Personnel Report as of August 22, 2021

Attachments:

[Personnel Report as of 8-22-2021](#)

## VI. Budget Discussion

*Mrs. Price reviewed the budget items as presented in the Agenda packet.*

*Member Herndon asked if there had been any item come up that she did not know of in July. Mrs. Price stated only the COVID money which can only be used for Food and Nutrition Services' computer equipment and will need approval from the County Commissioners.*

*Chairperson Thompson asked about a flat fee for unclaimed bodies. Mr. Price commented it is \$750.*

*Chairperson Thompson asked if the Energy Programs had started. Mrs. Price stated that anyone needing help with cooling-heating and are in crisis can apply anytime and all others can apply once the weather changes, at that time applications will be accepted.*

[ID 21-2945](#)

### Budget Discussion - September 22, 2021

Attachments:

[Budget Discussion - September 22, 2021](#)

[ID 21-2946](#) **Financial Report - August 2021**

**Attachments:** [Financial Report - August 2021](#)

**VII. Service Report**

*Dr. Marino asked if there were any questions regarding the Service Report as presented in the Agenda packet.*

*Mrs. Bridges stated that Food and Nutrition Services' household numbers are only 636 shy of the all time high which was in 2012.*

*There were no questions.*

[ID 21-2947](#) **Service Report - August 2021**

**Attachments:** [Service Report - August 2021](#)

**IX. Program Updates:****1. Social Work****Updates**

*Mrs. Hunt stated she and Dr. Marino had been assessing the daily operations of the Agency, seeing how programs are ran vs. policy. She stated the Family and Children's Services groups will be holding some virtual meetings for the Permanency Planning Review and in-person visits will still be completed with the children.*

**2. Economic Services****Updates**

*Mrs. Bridges noted that the caseworker desk reference was attached in the Agenda packet. She also noted that history was made with the Food and Nutrition Services annual allotment. It normally increases \$4-5, but this year it increased \$50, this was per USDA implementation.*

[ID 21-2948](#) **Food & Nutrition Services Allotment Increase**

**Attachments:** [Food & Nutrition Services Allotment Increase Eff 10-01-2021](#)

**3. Director's Report**

*Dr. Marino stated he had met with Rutherford Hospital this morning to discuss a better way to meet the needs of the Community. He added that he will be helping employees navigate each situation as it arises. He stated it was discussed that the variant spike is trending down and this is good with the upcoming flu season and that for added protection, masks are still being mandated.*

## COVID Updates

*Dr. Marino reviewed the number of COVID tests within the Agency for August 2021.*

*Number of Tests: 14*

*Number of Positive Tests: 4*

*Number of Negative Tests: 10*

*Number Waiting Results: 0*

*Number of People Tested Because of Vacation: NO LONGER REQUIRING*

*Number of People Tested Due to Symptoms: 7*

*Number of People Exposed Directly or Indirectly and Tested: 7 (2 exposed at work; 5 exposed family/friends; 0 exposed unknown)*

*Number of People Exposed Directly and Not Tested (chose to quarantine until symptomatic): 3 (2 exposed at work; 1 exposed family/friends)*

*Number of People Exposed Directly and Not Tested Due to Having the Vaccine: 4 (4 exposed at work; 0 exposed family/friends)*

## X. Closed Session

**A motion was made by Member Maimone and seconded by Vice Chairperson King to enter Closed Session per N.C.G.S. 143-318.11. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

## XI. Announcements

*Dr. Marino stated he had crafted a letter to Community partners regarding Foster Care Christmas.*

*Mrs. Butler announced to the Board that the DSS Board Member Training had been rescheduled to November 16 and 17 and to let her know if any member is interested in attending.*

## XII. Adjourn

*The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm with a unanimous vote.*

**There was a motion made by Member Herndon and seconded by Member Steele to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.**