

**Forsyth County Department of Social Services Minutes  
February 25, 2009**

**Present:** Florence Corpening, Dave Plyler, Michael Wells, Sr., Walter Marshall, Joe Raymond, Brenda Evan, Gloria Woods, Wes Young (WS Journal), Pat Read, Daphne Taylor, Kenneth Brown, Ava Smith-Pegues  
**Absent:** Claudette Weston

The Call to Order was given by Florence Corpening, Chair, at 8:03am.

**Information**

Matt Faircloth was introduced as new T.E.A.M. Program Manager.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Evans briefly discussed the Family and Children's Division's recent Child and Family State Review (audit). A more detailed presentation to the board will be made after receipt of formal findings.

**Consent**

The Minutes from the January Board meeting were approved on a motion by Walter Marshall, second by Dave Plyler.

The Board asked the director to send a thank you letter to the County Manager, the Department of Public Health, the Board of Elections and register of Deeds for their role in helping secure resources for DSS to respond to the increasing workload challenges in the Food and Nutrition Program.

**Strategic**

The Director reported and the board discussed:

- after the addition of the 2 new Food and Nutrition Program caseworkers, the average caseload per worker for the Food and Nutrition Program will be approximately 520 cases
- last year, DSS completed 16,000 Voter Registration Declination Forms
- the state Board of Elections only credited DS with completing 2,700 Voter Registration Forms
- a "report" demonstrating the economic impact of DSS programs will be shared at the March board meeting
- DSS's requested Program Budget will be presented at the March meeting

**Action**

The Director will draft a letter to Governor Perdue (copying David Young, the County Commissioners, and Mayor Joines) for the Board's signature prior emphasizing the agency's pressing needs to be considered for funding with the state's Stimulus Budget.

Each Board member completed a brief survey outlining their first, second and third choices of DSS programs they want to learn more about through presentations at upcoming meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03am.