

Board Minutes
St. Mary's County Department of Social Services

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The regular meeting of the Board of the St. Mary's County Department of Social Services was held on June 26, 2007. Board members in attendance were: Erika Patregnani, Clair Kollar, Jim Farrell, Judy Gilman, Patrice Gaymon, and Darlene Johnson. Also present was Marsha Tidler, Contract Specialist and Ella May Russell, Director

Minutes

Minutes from February 20, March 27 and May 21, 2007 meetings were approved.

Education Session

Marsh Tidler gave an overview of FIP Money for 2008 (handout) Marsha went over all the programs that are associated with Program 10. Board members found handout to be very informative.

Chairperson's Report

No report

Director's report

SMECO

The agency had a meeting with SMECO on June 21, 2007, regarding the 100 Emergency Assistance (EA) request the agency received for electric shut offs. This year so far almost \$200,000 dollars has been spent on EA's for electric along with FI staff working long hours. February was one of the coldest months on record along with SMECO changing their billing system which contributed to the massive amount of shut off notices. SMECO does not have emergency turn on service so when someone's power is shut off it could take several days to turn it back on. Our meeting with SMECO was to focus on refining the procedures and building a strong relationship between us and SMECO. We have asked SMECO to put information regarding our services in their monthly new letter.

CPS

Infant was brought into St. Mary's hospital with possible brain injury we are waiting on hospital to complete test.

Staff

I am pleased to announce that all our services positions have been filled. We have four vacancies in FI and as of yet we don't have permission to fill the positions.

Foster Care Dinner

We had our annual Foster Care dinner. The dinner was a great success. There was a Mad Scientist to entertain the children. He did several tricks which he incorporated into science.

Respite Care Providers Lunch

There was an appreciation lunch held at Linda's Café for Respite Care providers. The lunch was well attended and well received.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05

The next meeting will be September 25, 2007