

COUNTY OF HYDE

Board of Commissioners

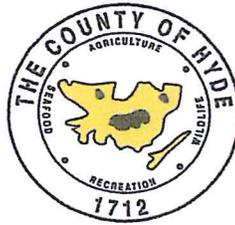
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RESOLUTION

House Bill 608/Senate Bill 594 Family/Child Protection and Accountability Act

WHEREAS, protecting children from maltreatment is of the utmost importance and is a primary function of County Departments of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 608/Senate Bill 594 (Family/Child Protection & Accountability Act), Regional Social Services Departments; Working Group, calls for the development of a plan to regionalize the County Departments of Social Services into 30 or fewer Regional Social Services; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of children, families, and adults are served each year by the Hyde County Department of Social Services; and the Hyde County Department of Social Services, the Hyde County Department of Social Services Board and the Hyde County Board of Commissioners have worked consistently to improve and develop a level of excellence in Hyde County's DSS child welfare programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners attests that positive results for families and children in Hyde County have been achieved through collective County vision, commitment and persistence, and through vital community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, we believe the child welfare/protection system in Hyde County is functioning well and undergoes continuous improvement for which it is accountable; and

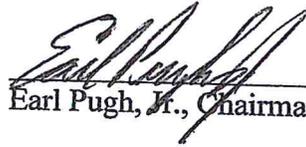
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wants what is best for Hyde County's children and families; we support a thorough and inclusive study, as is routinely done, to determine the most effective approach(s) for our State as a whole; we urge you to consider that perhaps one size does not fit all; and

WHEREAS, changing the administrative structure of Social Services within our State is not a small endeavor; we must thoroughly study and evaluate what will be the best structural model(s) for our State; we believe all stakeholders such as County Directors of Social Services, Representatives from County Boards of Social Services and/or Consolidated County Human Services Boards, Social Services Attorneys, County Commissioners, and County Managers should be included in determining the best model for Social Services Administration in our State; and

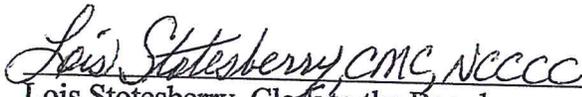
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners, implore the State of North Carolina and the members of the North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) to be diligent, thoughtful, proactive, and open-minded regarding possible service delivery models for Social Services Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners hereby urges you to support amendments to Part 1 of House Bill 608/Senate Bill 594 which would call for a study commission to thoroughly evaluate all possible models of Social Services Administration and include all stakeholders in the study process prior to a decision being made regarding any model of forced regionalization.

Adopted this the 5th day of June, 2017.


Earl Pugh, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:


Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board

