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NCACDSS Fiscal Committee  
November 8, 2006

The NCACDSS Fiscal Committee met on November 8, 2006, at 2 p.m. at the Albert Coates Building. Present were: Jay Burrus, Dare; Nancy Coston, Orange; Barbara Willoughby, Wilson; Amy Johnson, Mecklenburg; Al Wentzy, Northampton; Sherry Dowless, Bladen; Jerry Rhodes, Washington; Phil Lassiter, DSS; Peggy Morris, Moore; Hugh Cole, LBL; Clifton Hardison, Martin; Vicky Hill, Wayne; Kim Cribb, Cumberland; JoAnn Lamm, DHHS; Alycia Gather, DSS; Sandra Wilson, DSS; Faye Lovell, Robeson; Donna Smith, Lenior; Ken Crossno, Lenior; Letitia Maynor, Harnett; Debbie Hawkins, DHHS; Kent Flowers, Craven; Judy Hopkins, DSS; Tina Bumgarner, DHHS; Linda Cobb, Vance; Rick Pilato, Catawba; Ann Wiggins, Franklin; Tracy Chestnutt, Sampson; Peggy Quinn, Edcombe; Nancy McLendon, Lee; Margaret Johnson, Lee; Connie Oxendine, Robeson; Sandra Cox, Robeson; Jane Johnson, DSS; Sarah Barham, DSS; and Pat Jeter, DHHS.

Co-Chairs Nancy Coston and Jay Burrus welcomed the group.

Kris Wyatt updated the committee on the status of workshops for the Fiscal, Personnel and Technology Conference.

Joann Lamm provided information on the Work First Demonstration Grants. Fifty-four counties submitted requests for \$6.3 million aimed at increasing participation rates. Thirty-six counties were funded. The top 25% of the requests were funded in full up to \$500,000 and the remainder in consideration of their denominator. The Division plans to offer mini-grants for other counties and to sponsor a Work First Best Practices Conference in the spring.

Ms. Lamm reported that the Division had recommended that \$2 million of TANF funding be allocated to make up the IV-E administrative funding loss.

Joann Lamm, Debbie Hawkins and Tina Bumgarner provided an overview of the history of foster care payments and the direction a work group is moving towards in establishing a new rate setting process. It is envisioned that the new process will include one payment rate with the state being an equal partner in the cost of foster care payments, regardless of the child's funding source eligibility. A county direct pay proposal is being considered. There is to be no adverse impact on counties. For additional information, see the attached.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.