

Adult Services Committee Meeting

**02/08/2017**

**The meeting was called to order**

**Sonya Toman, Beaufort County motion to approve minutes from the January 11, 2017 meeting, Lorrie Potter, Hyde County 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried and minutes approved with no corrections.**

**Stacy Skradski & Cassandra MasasMoore: Empowering Lives**

Learned Guardianship from Center point which is a different perspective from DSS. The mindset of the 18-27 year old trying to find themselves. Those who are already having a difficult time and we do not treat them any different from the mental adult that we work with.

Helping the Wards to fit in and being honest with the wards. Set up supports for the ward, there are no locked facility in NC for the wards that are 18 and older.

Influences: Relationships, social media, critical events. We have no control over these things, we only have control over the relationships we have with our wards.

When talking with our ward - presentation is key and give them options.

Say "no" without saying "no" example" you are not showing me the skills that are needed to meet that need", talk about expectation

Understanding Culture

Resources:

[www.nc-council.org](http://www.nc-council.org)

Church programs

Stages of Change (offered by the State & MCO)

WRAP Training (Wellness Recovery)

Family

Currently serve 250 wards across the state, with 12 employees (go by specialty)

**Linda Kendall Field** - Rethinking Guardianship (background education and psychology)

Kent Flowers- Representative from the Association

Jordan Institute founded by Michael Jordan

Grant awarded to DAAS by Council of Ageing and Division of Disability expands 3 years 2015-2017 (we are looking for ways to sustain it)

There are some countries that do not recognize incompetency

DSS see about 1/3 of people being adjudicated as being incompetent

Looking at "Supportive Decision Making"

There is a stakeholders group with a diverse group of people (DSS, Family, Wards, Clerks, etc.)

Handout was passed out to the committee for review

Representative working on a Guardianship Bill of Rights (understanding the rights of the individuals)

John Saxton - done lots of writing on Guardianship

Comments:

Change in the medical community (doctors)

Restoration (some feel there is a magical pill that DSS has when working with the wards)

Will be linking up Foster Care 18-21 and the IDD with education and awareness

Catawba County Presentation- Michael Smith & Michele Pennell

PowerPoint presentation was given out to the committee and will be posted on the website.

Motion to adjourn meeting.