

**Campbell County
Human Services Committee
October 15, 2007**

Committee Members Present:

David Laurrell, County Administrator
Mike Daly, Youth, Adult, & Community Services Director
Sherry Harding, Recreation Co-Director
Mary Pascale, Recreation Co-Director
Rick Verilla, Social Services Director
Coralee Tuck, Library Director
Calvin Carter, BOS – Altavista District
Charles Falwell, BOS – Timberlake District
Catina Morris, Administrative Support

Rick Verilla called the meeting to order at 11 am. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

//Mike Daly updated the committee on the CSA Foster Care Prevention Policies and Guidelines. Campbell County was one of seventy-five localities that sent letters to The Office of Comprehensive Services with concerns and issues regarding policy changes. These issues were taken into consideration. The guidelines were revised and approved on October 2, 2007, with another thirty days for localities to review. The plan is to have the guidelines approved and in effect by November 15, 2007. The Office of Comprehensive Services has three reports due before December. One of the reports is fiscal impact. A major concern of the new CSA policy is the fiscal impact on localities. For reports purposes, the Office of Comprehensive Services is going to use the last quarter which will not present a true picture.

Daly advised the committee of the System of Care Conference in September sponsored by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services and the Commission on Youth. Daly advised the conference was excellent. There were presentations from localities on innovative ways to serve kids in their own communities. Daly approached the CPMT regarding forming a small group to look at making changes here in our locality and/or region.

Daly advised the CSA finished out the year a little over 3.6 million which was about \$500,000 increase over the previous year.

Daly advised there will be a presentation at the Board Meeting today by Ron Merryman, Campbell County Historical Society, regarding the Historic Courthouse Museum. Also Mr. Merryman has concerns about the condition of the courthouse, in particularly improvements in the HVAC system, benches repaired, windows, and ceiling damage. Most of the repairs have been budgeted, within the next five years.

Daly advised the Department of Juvenile Justice announced 5% cuts. One of the cuts is to the VJCCA (Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act) grant, which is approximately

\$74,000. The budget cut will decrease the grant by \$3,700. The main concern is the impact on the block grant used to fund detention homes, a decrease by \$10,000 to \$12,000. Localities are working on a regional VJCCA grant or plan that all localities can participate, which will hopefully save money overall. One potential savings is the Outreach Detention Program which is more cost effective than congregate detention. Daly will check on the maintenance-of-effort requirements by the State.

Daly advised the committee of the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission to commemorate the anniversary of the Civil War. The Commission is requesting localities to form local committees to look at planning commemorative events to take place in 2011 through 2014. Daly advised he would be more than happy to be the liaison for the committee. David Laurell advised to use the current Human Services Committee members as the core committee and then add a few people as necessary such as Schools, Historical Society, and possibly the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy.

//Rick Verilla advised the committee of the non-custodial placement agreements changes by the Office of Comprehensive Services. The new policy states any child receiving federal money from the Title IVE program has to be case managed by Social Services. Non-custodial placement agreements are for children who need out of home placement but they do not need to come into custody of Social Services. Currently, the Title IVE children are case managed by Lindsey Stansbury, Case Manager with Youth, Adult, and Community Services. Currently, Social Services has eighty children in custody and Stansbury has eight children in her caseload. Out of the eight children, three are Title IVE eligible. For the first quarter (July, August, and September), we billed Title IVE for over \$100,000 for those three children so projected over a year that is approximately \$400,000. There is no local match in Title IVE; it is all state and federal money. If we shift the \$400,000 from Title IVE to CSA, 31% will have to be local money and this is not acceptable. Verilla advised having Social Services manage the Title IVE children; however, Social Services is not able to absorb the new children without more staff. Verilla will approach the County for more staff. David Laurell had several questions regarding this issue.

Verilla updated the committee on the Accounts Payable/Fiscal Reporting System contracted to Thomas Brothers Inc. Verilla stated at first we believed a server would be required; but as it turns out we can do this with current servers. Ann Blair is working with the Security Division of the Department of Social Services to make sure all of the firewalls and other mechanisms we have in place are acceptable by the Department of Social Services. Once that is completed, we can proceed with the new system. January 1, 2008 is the target date.

Verilla advised the committee of the new Child Protective Services Supervisor, John King, who comes from Bedford Social Services.

//Coralee Tuck updated the committee on the Campbell County Library Foundation. The Foundation consultant implemented a policy manual and it has been approved by the Library Foundation Board. We have had an individual who decided to donate stock to the Foundation. Tuck had the opportunity to go with the consultant and is learning on how to plant future seeds

for gifts such as in wills. Also, the library has received several life insurance policies for the Foundation.

Tuck updated the committee on the Capital Campaign.

- The Timbrook Library Capital Campaign is now titled The Timberlake Community Complex. An individual also designed a logo and placed on a T-shirt [T-shirt was presented to committee]. T-Shirts are for sale by the Friends of the Timbrook Library.
- Tuck also advised of a monthly bulletin, "Timberlake Pride", that is being sent out to the community. Bulletin was passed out to committee members.
- Tuck also advised the Library has purchased two web site domains. There will be a website to keep people informed, interactive surveys, and in the future will be able to donate on line to the foundation.
- The Foundation also produced a DVD program as part of a marketing tool. The DVD is an 8-10 minute presentation and includes Sherry Harding and Charles Falwell.
- Acres of Virginia recently did a survey and a sample footprint. Tuck passed this out to committee members. This will be presented to the Board for approval.
- The Foundation is also working on a marketing brochure.
- The Foundation is now organizing major team leaders to start going out "nurturing" potential donors.

David Laurell advised the committee the size of the project, originally expected to be in the \$3 million range, based upon the current footprint and what they are thinking about doing, appears to be close to \$7 million. Laurell advised he has spoken with the foundation consultant regarding an update for the board [expected date in January 2008]. In addition to the Capital Campaign, the operating expense will need to be resolved. Laurell estimated \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year to maintain the size of the facility. Laurell advised the Foundation will have to come to the board with an endowment of some kind that will pay for the annual operating expense or obtain Board approval for additional funding.

Laurell advised that the YMCA has shown some interest through one of its Board members in the Timberlake Community Complex. The YMCA does not have any outside facilities and might like access to the play facilities and ball field center at Timbrook Park. This would not be a good idea mainly if they move their outdoor program with Lynchburg children onto Campbell County fields then the County is defeating the purpose of constructing new fields for Campbell County children. Tuck advised another reason the YMCA could be looking at the facility is because the Foundation is consulting with a potential major donor who serves on the board of the YMCA.

David Laurell also advised the committee the Library grant has been reduced. Tuck will check on the maintenance requirements by the County.

Tuck thanked the committee for their help and support on the Capital Campaign.

Tuck handed out the Campbell County Public Library 2006 Annual Report to committee members to review. Tuck advised two staff members, Jackie Barton and Belinda Trent, who are responsible for the report.

Tuck updated the committee on the staff changes. The Library had a domino effect when Teresa Akers retired as the Technical Services Librarian. Jackie Barton has moved to that position leaving Public Services open. Jennifer Phillips is now in that position. We have the two professional Librarians out and now we are filling some full-time and part-time on those positions.

Tuck advised the committee of the following programs and events:

- Preschool Story Time going full strength at all four branches of the library.
- Baby Garden Program is a five week program and they are into the third week. They have had ten babies and ten moms. The main theme to Baby Garden is growing happy, healthy babies one rhyme at a time. The Children's Programmer informed Tuck that they have found if a child understands and knows rhymes before Kindergarten that s/he will be a better reader. Tuck wants to find out how the Library can make this program appealing and available to some citizens that really use this to break the cycle of poor learners and/or readers. The Children's Programmer has a contact with Social Services that she will work with to make sure this program is a success.
- Harry Potter Day was very successful with a lot of teenagers and parents in attendance.
- Tuck advised the Library now has the literacy stations geared for children ages three to eight years old. The Library just did a trial run in the Rustburg Library and one coming soon to Altavista. Getting the children adjusted to using the computer is part of literacy now.
- The Friends of the Library and the Recreation Department had a very successful tractor pull.
- Everyone enjoyed successful Fall Festival with the Rustburg Friends of the Library along with the Historical Society.

//Mary Pascale updated the committee on the parks. Pascale passed out information regarding each park.

- English Park – The Master Plan goes before the BOS today, October 15, 2007, for approval. The park committee has formed sub committees to investigate development of the park and options for other monies that may be available either through private funds, in kind services, volunteer services, and grants that may be available to all parties.

Sherry Harding updated the committee on the VF grant. The language has been changed in the deed; however, it is not okay. Laurrell advised the committee of the following options given to DCR regarding the language in the deed:

1. Get some language that seller and Recreation Department is comfortable with and that is legal.
2. We can get the current board to adopt a resolution that indicates that the property would be used as a park, which is what we suggest we put in the language of the deed and the seller did not want to.
3. Can we transfer the VF grant to another park since we have other parks in construction?

- Central Park – The Rustburg High School Cross Country used the park as their home course. This worked out well even though parking was limited. The resolution for the recreation access is in process, and we are awaiting some information from other agencies.
- Community Park – The committee has discussed the idea of sponsoring a major event every in the park to draw attention to the park and its needs. For the year 2008, they are planning a trail day where the trails will be open for guided walks. The resolution for the recreational access is in process, and we are awaiting some information from other agencies.
- Timbrook Park – The Park has been used this fall for Fall Youth Baseball, Youth Soccer, Cardinal’s Football, and the Brookville High School Cross Country team used the park for their home course. The Tractor Festival was held in Timbrook Park and was a great success. The Message Board Sign has been installed; however, the glass was damaged in shipping and will have to be replaced. The Playground will be ordered in early November and if all goes well will be installed and in use by the end of November 2007.
- Long Island Park – The playground located in the park had fallen into disrepair and had to be removed. We will be looking at replacing it in the coming budget year. The cost of replacement will be approximately \$15,000 to \$25,000. The advisory council and staff will be looking at options concerning the style of playground for the replacement. The previous playground was a more natural style. The Council will also be looking at the possibilities of doing some upgrades in the park as well. Pascale advised there is a large family who would like to be a “friend type group” to this park. This family has made large monetary donations each year. Pascale will explore possibilities with this family in the next coming year.
- Long Mountain Park – At the October meeting of the Long Mountain Park Committee several options for the park will be shown. Pascale will be in contact with Don Austin concerning one of the parking lots on the property due to its proximity to Route 24. There were some amenities that were suggested that will not be possible for this property. Pascale advised still taking suggestions and all ideas will be discussed. Pascale passed out to committee members copies of the designs for the park.

//Sherry Harding updated the committee of the After School Program. The Recreation Department did not receive a good response – 41 applications sent out with only 3 to respond with payment. They will be taking back to the advisory council and see what the community and parents need and want in the after school program. This program will be launched again next year in Timberlake.

Harding advised the committee of the following Fall Programs:

- Photography
- Shag Dancing
- Preschool Party

- Senior Centers – Brookneal, Gladys, Concord, Timberlake, and Rustburg.
- October 25, 2007, Spine Tingling Tales
- December 7, 2007, Christmas in the Square
- The three summer concerts had an average of 380 people at each this year.

//Laurrell advised the committee of the issue of a canoe landing ramp on Route 43. There is an interest in this and possibly one of the sites in this area could be improved.

//Rick Verilla advised the committee the December 2007 meeting will be his last as the chairperson. The committee will need to decide on a new chairperson before February 2008 meeting.

//The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2007 at 11 am in the Haberer Building Conference Room in the basement.

//There being no further business or reports the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.