

NHC Commissioners Meeting – April 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the NHC Board of Commissioner was held at the Court House from 9:00 a.m. to 10:28 a.m. All commissioners were present.

Commissioners were asked to support YWCA efforts to eliminate racism during its annual Stand Against Racism. YWCA is partnering with over ten community organizations to host events to help end racism and bring awareness to institutional and systematic racism that still plagues our community. This year's theme is "Our Power, Our Mission, Our Future", focuses on voting rights and civic engagement.

Community events include the Potluck for Peace on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at Cape Fear Museum from 6:00 -8:00 pm and the Stand Against Racism on Friday, April 27, 2018 at the steps of City Hall from 11:30 am -1: 00 pm.

Commissioners unanimously approved.

The LCF-LWV has been invited to participate in the event on Friday, April 27 to help register voters.

Department of Social Services request Consideration of Application for Duke Endowment Funding to Continue Work with Risk Assessment Tools for Child Welfare.

Over the last 18 months, DSS has worked with SAS to develop a risk assessment, research tool for child welfare case workers. The software analytics tool was developed using case data from the counties in house system along with data from the jail and 911. In June 2018 DSS will cease using its in house case management tool and begin using the statewide system, NC Fast for child welfare. In order to use the analytics tool, SAS must reprogram the software to use data from NC Fast. The Duke Endowment has invited New Hanover County to apply for funds to accomplish this work, which is \$420,000.00. No County match is required.

This is a risk assessment tool that can alert case workers of problems and enhance child safety. It will pick up data from jails as well as 911 system.

Other reports given were Travel and Tourism Proclamation; New Hanover Soil and Water Conservation District annual update; Community Relations Advisory Committee update.

Committee appointments were made and the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Loraine Buker, Observer

