



January 25, 2014

10:00 – 12:00 PM

Lake Forest Church, 8519 Gilead Rd., Huntersville, NC 28078

Topic	Discussion	Action/Results
<b>Welcome/Breakfast</b>	Phillip Cunningham welcomed members and called the meeting to order.	
<b>Board Introductions</b>	The Board introduced themselves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phillip Cunningham, President</li> <li>• Terry Cross, Treasurer</li> <li>• Vivian Wilson, Once Upon A Wardrobe Clothing Closet</li> <li>• Brenda Haithcox, Secretary</li> </ul>	For your information
<b>Phillip Cunningham, MCFAPA President</b>	<b>Phillip Cunningham</b> announced the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member make sure you sign in</li> <li>• Thanked Lake Forest Church and Staff for allowing MCFAPA to have meeting at their facility.</li> <li>• Area Churches are responding to MCFAPA “Clothing Challenge” (Carmel, Calvary, &amp; Covenant Day, etc.), Phillip will attend meetings with each of the participating churches.</li> </ul>	For your information
<b>Children Home Society</b>	<b>Mrs. Noel Lester</b> , Children Home Society spoke about their agency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kids receive services until child is 18 years old (some longer)</li> <li>• Individual / Family Therapy</li> <li>• Create Life Books with kids</li> <li>• Assess Kids and educate parents</li> <li>• Facebook issues</li> <li>• Receive Grants – No fees</li> <li>• Trauma Focus / Acknowledge / Acceptance of trauma</li> <li>• Pulled away from families</li> </ul>	For your information



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome</li> <li>• When using other agencies, find out what model they use</li> <li>• Match Therapist with your child</li> <li>• Therapeutic play</li> <li>• Adoption Support Group</li> <li>• Trainings (Openness and adoption power struggles etc.)</li> <li>• Therapy for ADD/ADHD parents</li> <li>• Support for parents in trouble</li> <li>• Adoption therapy available for kids from all over the world</li> <li>• Confidential / Intermittently</li> <li>• Adoption: Fee (YFS, no fee DeShawn MBake)</li> <li>• 18 year olds can receive help in locating their biological parents</li> <li>• Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month downtown Morehead road, Charlotte NC</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Youth and Family Services</b></p>	<p><b>Jennifer Hayes</b>, Youth and Family Services Licensing and Placement updated MCFAPA members with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License and Placement/On call Social Worker for placement line (8-5 pm)</li> <li>• Provider Fair (4 x's a year, all over the city) next fair in March 2014</li> <li>• Recruiting New Foster Parents</li> <li>• Foster Parenting is temporary</li> <li>• Need Foster Parenting for Teenagers</li> <li>• Questions and answer sessions</li> </ul> <p><b>Rekita McDuffie</b>, Youth and Family Services Adoption Caseworker</p>	<p>For your information</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rekita handles YFS Adoptions</li> <li>• Twenty Five (25) children are waiting for adoption (teenagers)</li> <li>• No adoption fee for Foster Parents</li> <li>• Adoption is long term</li> <li>• Children just want a forever home and someone who won't give up on them</li> <li>• 18 year olds can receive help in locating their biological parents if/when ready</li> <li>• Question and answer session</li> <li>• Feel Free to contact Rekita if you have any questions</li> </ul>	
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Mr. Markus Fuchs</b> spoke to members on how they only wanted young kids but they did respite for a 14 year old girl and had a great time with her, her current placement didn't work out so the caseworker called the Fuchs to ask would they be willing to take her and they did and so far things are going very great.	For your information
<b>MCFAPA Contact Information</b>	MCFAPA new contact Information <b>Email:</b> MCFAPA@windstream.net <b>Phone:</b> 704-684-0420 <b>Fax:</b> 704-684-0340 It will be posted on the MCFAPA website.	For your information
<b>MCFAPA Certificate</b>	MCFAPA Certificates were passed out to everyone in attendance.	For your information
<b>Next meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b> March 2014 <b>Time:</b> 10:00 – 12:00 PM <b>Location:</b> TBD	