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News Release

County to Reestablish Consolidated Human Services Board

August 18, 2014, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners has approved the reestablishment of the Consolidated Human Services Board which commissioners disbanded in January when they took direct control of the county's Human Services Board and created a Human Services Advisory Committee.

Commissioners formed a Consolidated Human Services Agency in February 2013 to carry out the functions performed by the Union County Department of Social Services and Health Department, a Consolidated Human Services Board, and the position of Human Services director to be appointed and supervised by the county manager.

Since January, commissioners have exercised the powers, responsibilities and duties of the Human Services Board and became more engaged with the activities and oversight of the Consolidated Human Services Agency. Progress has been made in improving the performance of the Consolidated Human Services Agency, especially in regard to the Division of Social Services. Given such progress, commissioners have decided to begin the process of re-establishing the Consolidated Human Services Board.

The Consolidated Human Services Board will have no more than 25 members, reasonably reflect the population makeup of the county, include only residents of the county, and include at least four consumers of human services, eight professionals that will include the following: psychologist, pharmacist, engineer, dentist, optometrist, veterinarian, social worker, and nurse, two physicians licensed to practice medicine in the state, one will be a psychiatrist, one county commissioner, and other persons, including members of the general public representing various occupations.

Anyone wishing to apply for the Consolidated Human Services Board can obtain a profile sheet by calling Clerk to the Board of Commissioners Lynn West at 704-283-3810 or from the county's website at www.unioncountync.gov or co.union.nc.us.

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