

Southwestern Child Development Commission, Inc.

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October 22, 2016

Mr. Don Adams, Jackson County Manager Jackson County Justice Center 401 Grindstaff Cove Road Sylva, North Carolina 28779

Dear Mr. Adams:

On behalf of the Southwestern Child Development Commission Board of Director's, I would like to respectfully request that Jennifer Abshire, as the DSS Director for Jackson County, be appointed to our Board of Directors as a Jackson County Representative.

Ms. Abshire has worked with North Carolina's Subsidized Child Care Program for a number of years, in several other positions at DSS and now as Jackson County's Social Services Director. Ms. Abshire will bring excellent knowledge and experience to our Board.

Southwestern is a private not-for-profit board with a 501(c)3 organizational status. Our Board meets one time per quarter and we move those meetings among the seven western counties in Region A. Our Board Members are from a variety of backgrounds, each representing an area of expertise in early childhood education.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sheila Hoyle Executive Director

cc: Charles Penland, Clay County Southwestern Child Development Commission, Board Chairman

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