



Southwestern Child Development Commission, Inc.

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"Providing Quality Services for Young Children since 1972"

May 6, 2022

Mr. Don Adams, County Manager
Grindstaff Cove Road
Sylva, NC 28779

Dear Mr. Adams:

On behalf of the Southwestern Child Development Commission Board of Directors and our Board Chairman, Charles Penland, I would like to respectfully request that Dr. Bashaun Smith be appointed to our Board of Directors as a Jackson County Representative.

Dr. Smith is currently employed by Western Carolina University as the Dean of Students. We believe that Dr. Smith's professional and family life has multiple connections to the organizational vision and mission of Southwestern Child Development. As the father of three young children, Dr. Smith will bring a parent's voice to our Board, as the Dean of Students at WCU, he is intimately familiar with the child care needs of Western students who are in need of child care services as they continue their education. Lastly, as we continue to link the child care teacher's education to quality services for young children in WNC, we embrace our continuing partnership with WCU. We believe that Dr. Smith will be a valuable asset to Jackson County's representatives to our Board of Directors. He will join Dr. Kimberly Elliott, retired Jackson County School Superintendent and Mr. Cris Weatherford, Director of the Jackson County Department of Social Services.

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 education or human services. Our agency has operated in Region A since 1972, or for the past 49 years. In each county in Region A, (Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain County) the County Commissioners appoint three Board Members to our Area Board of Directors.

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, Board Chairman, Clay County Board Representative

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AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Nannette Brackett, Director Murphy First Baptist Day Care Center	Cherokee County
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Charles Penland	Clay County
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Meets quarterly

The term of membership determined by County Commissioners from membership county