



Southwestern Child Development Commission, Inc.

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"Providing Quality Services for Young Children since 1972"

September 29, 2020

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, I would like to respectfully request that Dr. Kimberly Elliott be reappointed to our Board of Directors as a Jackson County Representative.

Dr. Elliott retired as Superintendent of the Jackson County Public Schools on September 1, 2020. Dr. Elliott brought excellent knowledge and experience to our Board, as a part of her professional work. As she will be continuing in Educational Consulting, she will continue to be a valuable member of our Board. Dr. Elliott's passion for Early Childhood Education is a special knowledge and skill that we value. Knowing what Jackson County young children need to know to be successful in school will offer her the opportunity to help guide decisions that our agency makes each day.

At this same time, I would like to request that Jennifer Abshire, Department of Social Services Director, be confirmed as a Jackson County Representative to the Southwestern Child Development Board of Directors. When Jennifer transitioned to the Director's Position, upon the retirement of Robert Cochran, she also transitioned to his Board Seat, as is customary in each of our seven counties in Region A. However, in reviewing our Board documents, we should have asked for a letter from Jackson County supporting that change.

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. Our agency has operated in Region A since 1972, or for the past 48 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.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sheila Hoyle
Executive Director

cc: Charles Penland, Board Chairman, Clay County Board Representative

SOUTHWESTERN CHILD DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
<i>NAME</i>	<i>APPOINTED BY</i>
Nannette Brackett, Director Murphy First Baptist Day Care Center	Cherokee County
Cindy Palmer, Director Cherokee County Department of Social Services	Cherokee County
Charles Penland	Clay County
Debra Mauney, Director Clay County Department of Social Services	Clay County
Donna Crawford	Clay County
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Sonia Monteith HHS Finance Officer	Swain County
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Jennifer Abshire, Director Jackson County Department of Social Services	Jackson County
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Vacant	Jackson County
Dorothy Crawford	Macon County
Patrick Betancourt, Director Macon County Department of Social Services	Macon County
Chuck Sutton, Director Macon Program for Progress, Inc.	Macon County

Meets quarterly

The term of membership will be determined by County Commissioners from Membership County