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Dear County Director of Social Services

SUBJECT: Video for Prospective/New Social Services Board Members

Straight from its world premier at the Social Services Institute in Fayetteville, we are sending you your very own copy of Becoming a Social Services Board Member.

This 15-minute video is the result of collaboration by the Division, the Social Services Board Members Association, the County Directors Association, and John Saxon of the Institute of Government. Its primary use is to begin to educate potential and new DSS Board members to what serving on the Social Services Board is all about. In addition, we believe the video may be used with community groups as an overview of what services are offered by a county Department of Social Services.

The video is intended to be used in conjunction with other training opportunities for your Board members; i.e. the training offered by the Institute of Government, workshops at the annual Social Services Institute, and local educational sessions offered by you and your staff.

We are sending each county with a five member Board two copies and each county with a three member Board one. Each Local Support Manager will also have a copy. We have shown this video to the Social Services Commission since they are an appointing authority, and would suggest you make your County Commissioners aware of it.

We are please to have been a part of this effort and hope you will find the video useful. A special thanks to Gwen Wilson, Dan Hudgins, and Jack Bryan and their staff for allowing us to film in their agencies.

If you have any questions about this, please call me at 919/733-3055.

Sincerely,

Melinda Hamrick, Chief

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Local Support

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