

## BROADCASTING AND RECORDING AT SOCIAL SERVICES FACILITIES

Whereas, much of the information contained in the records of state and county social services agencies is confidential pursuant to state and federal laws.

Whereas, these confidentiality provisions extend to the identity of persons seeking treatment or services and to persons who may make reports of matters such as suspected abuse or neglect.

Whereas, this Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the public and to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws that a policy regarding the broadcasting, recording and photographing of social services facilities and access points be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buncombe County Department of Social Services Board as follows:

1. That, in order to protect the confidentiality of persons seeking social services treatment or services and making reports of suspected abuse or neglect, the Director of the Department of Social Services, or her designee, be and is hereby authorized to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prohibit the broadcasting, filming, recording and photographing within social services facilities and access points.
2. That such policy shall provide for the access of the media and news outlets in reporting matters of public interest upon advance request taking into account the need to protect the confidentiality of persons within social services facilities. Accordingly, the Director of the Department of Social Services, or her designee, shall have the right to designate where any and all broadcasting, photographing, filming and/or recording devices and operating personnel may be placed and/or displaced within any Buncombe County social services facility or access point.
3. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2011.