

# Weekly Word

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## Back on the system...

I apologize to all who may have sent me emails on the state email over the past few years since I became full time president. I haven't had access to that address for three years until last Friday. Now when you send me something to my "dfa" email address, I can get it. Also, I now have all of your addresses as well and will be sending communications through that address right to your computer.

### Full Membership Meeting Tuesday October 5 5:30pm

Brighton Town Park Lodge

#### Agenda

- Treasurer's Report
- President's Report
- Mobilization Update
- Contract Update
- Vote on political Endorsements and campaign contributions

knock of eviction from their door because their landlord was patient.

Perhaps she should ask the client who wasn't as patient, who may have "gone off" on their child, since patience had long since dissipated. Or the family Monroe County now pays for a stay in an emergency shelter. Or the judges who now want to order FCP examiners to lose further time from their desks to testify as to why benefits are not in place for a CPS case.

We have for too long given to this agency, this county and this community to suffer the insult that was delivered last week. No one wants to work overtime. The money isn't that great to compensate for a workload that can never be surmounted. We work overtime to try to meet the client demand...to insure safety for the citizens of this community. Unfortunately, that safety guarantee is slowly slipping away. Or should I say, falling over the cliff with this latest insulting memo.

What should you do? Just as the memo says...work your seven hour day, take your lunches and breaks, and refer all complaints to Patricia Stevens and Maggie Brooks. Somebody has to know that Walmart style greeters and pretty plantings and uniformly colored client folders and neat, tidy desks with client confidentiality neatly stowed away are not actions that keep a community safe and a citizenry quiet. Nor are they actions that keep a truly dedicated work force producing just because they want to.

## Who Needs Overtime?

Frankly, we all do. That includes comp time. Unfortunately, Commissioner Stevens seems to think work at DHHS can be done in a 7 hour day. If you've witnessed the memos that have been distributed during the past week, you'd come to believe that the commissioner thinks we're stealing time. I must say this has me outraged!

Ask our family members, who miss us during one of the day's family mealtimes. Or our children who we fail to see start or end their school day. Or our pets who have patiently, I hope, crossed their legs until we get home. Or, maybe it would matter if she asked our clients who have patiently waited for their benefits while begging their children to ignore the hunger pangs, or who have kept the

**Reminder: Lunchtime rallies outside the following worksites from 12:30 to 1:30pm on Thursday (red shirt day), Sept 30... 691 St Paul, 111 Westfall Rd and City Place**