

Macon County Social Services Board

April 16, 2014

Minutes

Call to Order

Dinah Mashburn called meeting to order. Members in attendance were Dinah Mashburn, Chair, Jim Garner and Lisa Leatherman. Also attending was Jane Kimsey, Director and Secretary to Board.

Minutes

Open Session and Closed Session Minutes of the March 19, 2014 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Jim Garner, second by Lisa Leatherman.

Financials

Monthly financials for March were provided in board book.

Proposed FY 14-15 budget was presented to County Manager and Finance Director. Due to adjustments to the foster care budget line item following the presentation, the county dollar requested for next fiscal year is now \$96,049 less than the county dollar in the current approved budget. This is an additional \$13,000 county savings over the original proposed budget county savings of \$83,000.

TANF cash savings is still being utilized for Emergency Assistance for families with disconnect notices. If TANF cash savings are projected not to be spent, then optional plan to spend remaining balance will be proposed.

Program Reports

Sheila Conley presented the Economic Services Performance Report for last fiscal year. Biggest impact on Economic Services was the implementation of NC FAST in Food and Nutrition Services. FNS Caseloads remained the same over a one year period, but the entire system changed due to NC FAST. Benefits decreased by 4% over previous year, but increased by 265% over a 7 year period, for a total of \$9,178,288. Medicaid had a slight decrease in the number of family and children cases receiving services primarily due to the combining of cases. Adult Medicaid remained basically the same over a 3 year period. Medicaid providers in Macon County received \$26,630,566 in Medicaid payments for last fiscal year. Medicaid recipients received \$39,394,523 in benefits.

Old Business

NC FAST was updated. USDA deadline for processing FNS was met statewide, which Macon has consistently met the deadlines. The Medicaid Family and Children's reviews that had been postponed for processing due to implementation of the new MAGI (Modified Adjusted Gross Income) rules resulting from Affordable Care Act, are now continuing to be eligible until case is determined ineligible or eligible. Primary focus is on processing the Medicaid applications that were generated as a result of the Affordable Care enrollment deadline.

LIEAP additional allocation of \$6601 was received and additional allocation of \$9916 for Crisis Intervention was received. Both of these additional allocations for heating

assistance have been exhausted which TANF Emergency Assistance continues to be available for families with children.

New Business

Director reported that Macon County had been randomly selected as 1 of 9 counties for a State Auditor IT Program Review of NC FAST. Telephone conference call was held to complete this review. A report should be forthcoming within the next few months and will be shared with the Board.

Quarterly staff meeting was held the first of April, which County Manager also attended. Information was shared with employees regarding the county health insurance benefit and also projected impact of the property tax reevaluation on the budget for FY 15-16.

New parking plan for employees was also rolled out by the County Manager.

Senior Services is seeking Senior Aides and Senior Companions to assist with operations in the Senior Services programs. 3 Senior Aides have been allowed to continue past their maximum time of service, but are not going to receive any further extensions. Additional Senior Companions will be needed for frail seniors that need additional assistance to live independently in their own homes or communities due to restructuring of this service. Persons, age 55 of age older, that meet income guidelines are being sought for these 2 programs.

Closed Session

Jim Garner made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and case information. Lisa Leatherman seconded, and motion carried. Board returned from Closed Session.

Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday May 27, at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Dinah Marshallwood 5-27-14 Jane C. Kennedy 5/27/14
Chairman/Date Secretary/Date