

September 19, 2007
Franklin, NC 28734

Social Services Board met this date in regular scheduled session. Members in attendance were Dom D'Ascoli, Wendy Dalton, Mark West and Secretary. Chairman D'Ascoli called the meeting to order.

Regular session Board minutes of the August 29, 2007 meeting were approved on motion of Mark West and second by Wendy Dalton. Closed minutes for this meeting will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Board went into Closed Session to discuss personnel and confidential case information on motion of Wendy Dalton and second by Mark West. Board returned from Closed Session.

The Income Maintenance Supervisors completed a caseload comparison from July 2006 to July 2007 and determined that caseloads have basically remained the same in number. The workload has increased due to caseworker turnover and the implementation of the document management system that requires caseworkers to scan and file documents electronically.

The Mental Health Stakeholders meetings are being re-established. County Manager, County Commissioner and Secretary met with the Area Director of Smoky Mountain Mental Health about resuming these meetings, which should provide an avenue for improved communications between all the mental health stakeholders in the county. Report developed by Smoky Mountain Mental Health was shared with Board showing 3,861 individuals in Macon County received mental health services last fiscal year, with 2,350 of these individuals receiving services through Medicaid.

Secretary informed Board a bond referendum public forum will be held on Thursday, September 27 at the Fine Arts Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. This public forum will be an opportunity for the public to hear information and ask questions on the proposed bond referendum projects, including the combined Senior Services and DSS building.

Secretary shared with Board a revised brochure on services offered by DSS. Cathy Makinson amended the existing brochure to include Senior Services. Board expressed appreciation for the document.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date