

Macon County Social Services Board

March 17, 2015

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 February 24 and February 27, 2015 Board meetings were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Jim Garner and second by Lisa Leatherman.

Financials

Monthly financials for February were provided in Board book.

Cathy Makinson presented the proposed FY 15-16 budget. The projected county savings at fiscal year-end for the current budget is approximately \$492,784 which includes \$225,000 in foster care and Special Assistance savings due to lower than budgeted utilization of these services. For FY 15-16, the total overall county budget dollar decreased by \$242,871 primarily due to the increased 25% federal Medicaid reimbursement. Total federal, state and county budget request is \$56,747,165, of which county total requested appropriation is \$1,319,325. Board unanimously approved the budget as presented on motion of Jim Garner, second by Lisa Leatherman. Proposed budget will be presented to county management in April.

Program Reports

Cathy Makinson presented the FY 13-14 Performance Reports for Clerical and Financial functions. Cross training, Medicaid Transportation expansion and NC FAST transition were all focuses of improvement for the Clerical Support Team in last fiscal year. The county cost savings in last fiscal year was \$522,698, which foster care was savings of \$63,347 and Special Assistance was savings of \$132,061.

Old Business

NC FAST and Medicaid recertifications continue to be area of concern across the state, however, Macon County is still not experiencing any overdue Medicaid recerts unless pending overdue outside of local control, i.e. cases with open system help desk tickets. TANF Cash is being closely monitored to ensure all TANF cash savings will be spent. Request was made to increase the parent/child visitation contract with SWCDC, Inc. by \$5,000 out of the cash savings due to greater demand for this service. Jim Garner made motion to approve request, Lisa Leatherman seconded and motion carried unanimously. Medicaid transportation audit may be postponed due to the state rebidding the monitoring contract.

New Business

Work First Electing County Plan state required revisions were received and due to the way income is counted or not counted under Macon County's Electing County plan, requirement to enter all Work First cases into NC FAST cannot be accomplished. The request to pilot a non cash plan was not approved. County will have to return to Standard County plan, which the Welfare Reform Planning Committee will meet to review the changes in eligibility from Electing to Standard plan prior to the plan going before the County Commissioners.

General Assembly has introduced new legislation to require a Medicaid audit be conducted of local DSS operations to determine the efficiency of Medicaid eligibility administration by county departments of social services.

Request was made to accept the MIPPA grant at Senior Services in the amount of \$1773.25 to enhance open enrollment services. Dinah Mashburn made motion to accept grant, Jim Garner seconded and motion carried unanimously.

FNS Employment and Training Program will be returning to NC. State will be sending more information to prepare for the reinstatement of the work requirement if you are an able bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) recipient of FNS.

Closed Session

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

Next Meeting

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

APPROVED BY:

<i>Dinah Mashburn</i> 4-22-15	<i>Joe C. Ramsey</i> 4/22/15
Chairman/Date	Secretary/Date