

Macon County Social Services Board

Thursday, January 18, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order. Members attending were Anne Hyder, Dale West, Mike Williams, Patrick Betancourt (Executive Officer and Secretary to the Board), Beneth Aiken, and Amy Sanderfur. Guest in attendance was Chrissy Tompson.

Proposed Agenda

Agenda was approved on motion of Dale West and second by Mike Williams.

Minutes

December minutes were approved on motion of Mike Williams and second by Dale West.

Fiscal Update

Amy Sanderfur provided a brief update, specifically with regard to Medicaid Expansion, reiterating the upcoming meeting with Lori Hall, County Finance, to discuss additional funding received and details surrounding the most efficient way to draw those funds down. Patrick Betancourt expounded on E&E (Eligibility & Enrollment) and its eventual connection to the GAP-MCU/CCU funding streams. There was no energy financial update, but lingering stumbling blocks and payment delays and issues were mentioned, and confirmed by Chrissy Tompson. A thank-you card from the DSS Agency staff was shared with the board members for the donation of their December stipends toward the Agency Christmas festivities. Upcoming Budget 2025 planning process was discussed, with mid-February due date from DHHS of budget estimates stated.

Program Integrity Presentation

Chrissy Tompson gave an overview of the Program Integrity/Fraud department, of which she is the sole investigator/worker. Board members were encouraged to ask questions to help them understand the scope of this area of the Agency.

County Commissioners Update

Patrick Betancourt announced that Danny Antoine was reappointed as the liaison to DSS and Senior Services. He has been invited to attend a future board meeting.

Personnel Updates/Agency Exits


Beneth Aiken shared personnel updates, including one transfer from Medicaid to the Clerical staff/Foreign Language Interpreter and one retirement in Income Maintenance/Intake on the DSS side, and one promotion to PA III on the Senior Services side. This results in two vacancies in Medicaid, one in Child Protective Services, one in Permanency Planning/Foster Care, and one in Food & Nutrition, as the Intake position vacated has been reclassified. There remains one vacancy at Senior Services.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Next meeting remains as scheduled, Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 9:00am.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting made by Dale West, second by Anne Hyder.

APPROVED BY:


Chairman 2/15/24
Date


Executive Officer/Secretary Feb. 15, 2024
Date