

**Macon County Social Services Board**

September 15, 2022

Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Evelyn Southard, Chairman; Anne Hyder; Dale West; Patrick Betancourt, Secretary to the Board; and David Moore, Agency Attorney

**Welcome / Call to Order:** Patrick welcomed everyone and called the meeting to Order at 9:00 a.m.

**Proposed Agenda:** A review of the proposed agenda with any changes was requested. With no changes, Evelyn Southard motioned for the agenda approval and Anne Hyder seconded. The agenda was approved as written.

**August Minutes:** Patrick then asked for any corrections to August’s minutes. Hearing none, a motion to approve as requested. Anne Hyder motioned and Dale West seconded. Minutes were approved.

**75/25 Medicaid Claiming Update:** Patrick provided the Board a brief update on this previously discussed agenda item. Patrick stated that he and Cathy had been in touch with NC DHHS following the NCACDSS Executive Board meeting and results from the test upload of claiming for the month of August. Based on feedback from NC DHHS, Macon County may have been more conservative than the state norm in its claiming. Feedback was provided and confirmed at the NCACDSS Executive Board meeting that specific salaries could be claimed under the enhanced 75% E&E (eligibility and enrollment). Patrick explained this might mean that the overall loss of revenue may be reduced from original projections. As additional information is discussed around enhanced claiming, the agency will continue to revise its process to reduce revenue loss. Patrick also discussed that NC DHHS is committed to providing a one-time revenue infusion for this fiscal year only to offset the state’s loss of Medicaid dollars as the information around this change to claiming was released after counties had set their fiscal year budgets. The Board had no questions regarding this update.

**Closed Session:** Dale West made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stats. § 143-318(a)(3) allowing the Board to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. A motion was made by Evelyn Southard for the agency to make a formal appeal to NC DHHS Sec. Kody Kinsley regarding the IV-E Adoption Assistance findings from June 2022 in order to preserve the agency’s federal appeal rights under 45 CFR Part 16. Anne Hyder seconded the motion. The motion carried and no other motions from the closed session were made.

**Adjourn:** Dale West made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Anne Hyder seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

APPROVED BY:

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R. Patrick Betancourt, Secretary

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Evelyn Southard, Chairman

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