

Macon County Social Services Board

June 20, 2012

Minutes

Prior to the beginning of the Board meeting a breakfast reception was held honoring Wendy Dalton for her 6 years of service, 2 years as Board Chair, to the DSS Board.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Wendy Dalton. Members in attendance were Wendy Dalton, Jim Garner, Dinah Mashburn and Jane Kimsey.

Public Comment

Eunice Browning and Kathleen Hall, both with the Macon County Clerk of Court Office, addressed the Board in support of Bill Shilling's proposal to continue provision of legal services for DSS.

Minutes

Open and Closed Session Minutes of the May 16, 2012 Board meeting were reviewed. Clarification was made regard appointing Jeff King to the Welfare Reform Planning Board until after he is officially seated on the Board. Minutes were approved as corrected on motion of Dinah Mashburn, second by Jim Garner.

Financials

Monthly financials were briefly reviewed. County budget for next fiscal year was approved by Board of Commissioners as submitted. Pay plan study recommendations are deferred to January 2013, with employees receiving 24 hours of Annual Leave in lieu of any raises.

Program Reports

Report on APS was made as highlighted in the recent newspaper article. Report on CPS monthly data was presented. State monthly Medicaid and Food & Nutrition Reports were reviewed.

Old Business

Medicaid transportation policy changes have been fully implemented as reported by the Social Work Supervisor Lisa Hilliard. Transportation audits have started and should be scheduled for Macon County prior to the end of the year.

Director met with new DSS Board Member Jeff King and provided brief orientation to DSS operations. Copy of the DSS Board Member handbook published by UNC School of Government was provided.

NC Fast implementation in 3 Food and Nutrition pilot counties has had rough start, but wait time and application processes have been improving in those 3 counties. Macon County should be implementing in October 2012 as one of the last go live counties.

New Business

Director informed Board of her recent election as the MPP Board Chair beginning July 1st. Board was also briefly updated on proposed child care centers to serve the Franklin area.

Draft report on Health Care Reform from the NC Institute of Medicine was highlighted, in particular the potential changes in Medicaid eligibility. Report is draft pending the Supreme Court's decision on constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Discharge planning from hospitals and nursing homes was briefly discussed. Hospitals and nursing homes will receive reduced Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements for certain diagnosis readmits within a certain period of time after discharge from the facility. Center for Medical Excellence has approached Senior Services to provide education on readmissions criteria and also provide best practice training for the mandated community discharge planning team. Hospitals, assisted living, nursing homes and community providers will participate.

Closed Session

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

Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room. First order of business will be induction of the new DSS Board member Jeff King.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date