

## **Macon County Social Services Board**

April 22, 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 March 17, 2015 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Lisa Leatherman and second by Jim Garner.

### **Financials**

Monthly financials for March were provided in Board book.

TANF Cash Savings plan for current budget was briefly discussed. Final plan will be provided at the May meeting.

### **Program Reports**

Sheila Jenkins presented the Senior Services Performance Report for last fiscal year. Number of home delivered meals, 16,280, and congregate meals, 11,320, were down due to budget cuts. Frozen meals have been provided to Nantahala service area, and approximately 6-7 meals are delivered in Highlands through contract with Highlands Cashiers Hospital. Number of calls and walk-ins to the Community Resources Center were slightly down, 4,479. SHIIP program clients increased to 1,540. STARR and Senior Protection program continue to be important safety resource for many senior and disabled adults. Total volunteer hours were 18,528 which equates to a value of \$311,270 based on the recognized standard volunteer hourly rate of \$16.50 an hour in rural communities.

### **Old Business**

NC/GA Border agreement will be signed on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This agreement has been a 2 year work in progress to develop set of mutual expectations in relation to child protection and foster care standards between counties that border each other in different states. Western NC counties are piloting a border agreement for the state, which may look to implementing similar such agreements between other bordering states.

Meeting was held with Bair Foundation regarding the foster parent training being conducted through Biltmore Baptist. Bair was very interested in types of foster homes needed by DSS, which include IAFT, Intensive Alternative Family Treatment Homes and foster homes for medically fragile children. Bair Foundation has also worked with Buncombe County DSS to provide Kinship Care Coordinator to support families that are providing foster homes for biologically related children in need of safe and stable homes.

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) as previously presented with suggested revisions incorporated was approved on motion of Jim Garner and second by Dinah Mashburn. Motion carried unanimously.

SSBG Corrective Action plan from recent monitoring is still pending.

Work First (WF) Electing County Plan for FFY 16-19 will be able to be continued as long as all WF eligibility rules comply with NC FAST. Committee will be meeting again to review revised plan before presented to county commissioners in May.

### **New Business**

Several audits have been or are going to be conducted. State fiscal audit was recently conducted but written report has not been provided yet. Initial report at exit conference was very positive. FNS Management Evaluation is being conducted first part of May. The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) audit is being conducted at Senior Services the end of May.

Director reported the federal government had not funded the Medicaid for Qualified Beneficiaries E category (MQB-E) which is for higher income individuals and is dependent on US Congress annual approval. State will be picking up the coverage through the end of April only. This program only pays for an eligible individual's monthly Medicare premium. Approximately 40 individuals will lose this coverage in Macon County.

A revised Macon County DSS Payee Policy was presented that was developed in preparation of the recently conducted Social Security Representative Payee audit. Board made a few wording changes and clarifications to the policy, which was adopted with corrections on motion of Dinah Mashburn and second by Jim Garner. The Social Security Administration review of DSS records as representative payee for 10 beneficiaries' Social Security benefits yielded no findings.

Macon County Mental Health Taskforce will be meeting with the DHHS Deputy Secretary Dave Richards later this same day on the successes and continued areas for improvements in the delivery of mental/behavioral health services.

Northwoods Time Study on Co-Pilot, the mobility function for the children and adult services electronic management system, did not show accurate results primarily due to the month picked for post testing. February was not a good comparison month due to fewer work days, snowy weather further impacted availability of work time and all juvenile court sessions were cancelled in February due to bad weather. Request has been made to re-administer the post test and use June 2015 as comparison month, which June 2014 was the pretest month.

### **Closed Session**

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

### **Next Meeting**

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

APPROVED BY:

Dinal Masblum 5-20-15      June A. Bussie 5/20/15  
Chairman/Date                      Secretary/Date