

## **Macon County Social Services Board**

November 17, 2010

Minutes

Social Services Board met this date for regular monthly meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Wendy Dalton. In attendance were Wendy Dalton, Mark West, Jim Garner and Jane Kimsey.

### **Minutes**

Open and Closed Session Minutes of the October 20, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved on motion of Mark West, second by Jim Garner.

### **Financials**

Monthly financials were briefly reviewed. Monthly revenues and expenditures are on target. State has not made any announcements on budget cuts. Caseloads were briefly discussed.

### **Reports**

Fiscal year end Medicaid Provider Earnings report was reviewed. Total of 119 Medicaid providers in Macon County received \$24,453,084 in Medicaid funds for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Earnings have increased about \$1M every 6 months for the past year.

### **Old Business**

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) and Crisis Intervention Program (CIP), both heating assistance programs, began November 1<sup>st</sup>. The total allocation of \$138,512 in CIP was expended or encumbered within 7 work days. 350 households were eligible for assistance. Last fiscal year, \$159,645 was received in CIP and 526 households received assistance. It is unknown if any additional funds will be received in this fiscal year; however, there will be adjustments which will allow the program to reopen again after January 1<sup>st</sup> until the current allocation is fully expended.

Information has been received that ePASS will soon have the Food and Nutrition Services application loaded on the website. Anyone interested in FNS will be able to screen for FNS and then will be able to be complete application online to submit to DSS for processing. It is anticipated Medicaid will also offer same type of services on ePASS eventually. It is unclear if the Benefit Bank will continue to be value when ePASS is completed operational.

The NC County Directors of Social Services (NCACDSS) finalized a position paper regarding consolidation study of DSS Administrative Functions that was authorized by the NCGA. Board members were given copies of the position paper for their information and use.

**New Business**

Director is compiling information regarding budget outlook for FY 10-11 which is available to Board members for their review at anytime. Director will also be attending the NC Justice Center Legislative Briefing in Asheville the first part of December. This session is always very informative about state budget projections.

Housing foreclosure information for Macon County was shared with the Board. NC Justice Center compiled report ranking counties by total foreclosures and per capita foreclosures. Macon County ranked 52<sup>nd</sup> among 100 NC counties for total foreclosures and ranked 14<sup>th</sup> Per Capita for foreclosures in NC. Anticipated that Macon County will experience 315 foreclosures in 2010, which is .89% per capita rate up from .58% per capita rate in 2009. It was noted that these numbers do not differentiate between primary homes, 2<sup>nd</sup> homes and investment homes foreclosures.

**Closed Session**

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

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting was set for Wednesday, December 15 at 9:00 in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

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Chairman/Date

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Secretary/Date