

Macon County Social Services Board

December 11, 2009

Minutes

Social Services Board met this date for regular monthly meeting. Members in attendance were Dom D'Ascoli, Wendy Dalton, Mark West and Director/Secretary. Chairman D'Ascoli called meeting to order.

Minutes

Minutes, both Open and Closed Sessions, of the November 18, 2009 board meeting were reviewed and approved on motion of Mark West, second by Wendy Dalton.

Financials

Monthly financials were briefly reviewed. New concerns have been raised on state revenue forecast and the possibility of additional funding cuts within this fiscal year.

Old Business

Results from the Alexander Exit Plan Review of Medicaid Program have been received with overall excellent review results. Cases monitored for the period of November 1, 2008 to October 31, 2009 met the percent compliance thresholds in Proper Actions, Discouragement Issues and Processing Times which these review results are an accomplishment given the increased work demands in the past year.

Preliminary results from the Child and Family Services Review were shared during an exit conference with Social Work Supervisors; however, the review results have not yet been received in written format. Team Lead Reviewer was very complimentary of social work practice and will be using some of the casework as examples for statewide training of new child protective services social workers.

Child Support Enforcement Transition Plan was shared with Board, which plan has been submitted to Raleigh.

New Business

Senior Services Open House will be held on Friday, December 18 from 2-5.

Snapshot of Employment, Poverty, Income and Health Coverage in NC was shared with Board which detailed stats on Macon County. Total % of poverty was 12.8%, with median household income at \$40,164. Food Stamp participation (# of people) in September 2008 was 3,398 and 4,515 in September 2009.

Closed Session

Wendy Dalton made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters and contracts, Mark West seconded, and motion carried. Board returned from Closed Session.

Our Commitment Presentation

Presentation was given by Lisa Allen, Human Resources Planner and Evaluator and Charlie Foxx, WCU Intern. A cross representation of employees developed a set of core

values or a code of ethics entitled Our Commitment for all DSS employees being previewed first by the Board and then rolled out to the DSS Employees the first week of January. The DSS Mission Statement was also updated. Board was invited to be part of the employee signing of the Our Commitment poster immediately following the January DSS Board meeting. Posters will be displayed in both the lobby at DSS and at Senior Services. Attached is the Our Commitment Brochure.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 20 at 9:00 in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date