

Macon County Social Services Board

February 14, 2011

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. Also in attendance was Mike Kesselring contributing writer with the Macon County News.

Minutes

Open and Closed Session Minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved on motion of Mark West, second by Jim Garner.

Financials

Monthly revenues and expenditures continue to be within budget. Extensive discussion was held on the budget and budgeting process. Expenditures are running 10% lower than was budgeted and revenues are running 2% below budget.

Old Business

Program Reports were reviewed. December 2010 Food and Nutrition Services Report showed 2878 cases were open with 5,966 participates receiving \$770,352 in benefits. December Medicaid report showed 5,602 eligible recipients and 607 Health Choice recipients. Child Protective Services and Foster Care Services reports were reviewed. Brief discussion held on uncertainty of funding for next fiscal year and difficulty in developing budget with many unknowns on federal and state level. County budget for next fiscal year is due to County Manager by Friday, March 18. Board will need to review and approve proposed budget at the Wednesday, March 16 meeting. Additional Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) funds, approximately \$38,198, were received for a total expenditure in the fiscal year of \$182,515 to assist eligible households with heating assistance. Annual cap for CIP is \$400 a fiscal year. \$11,148 has been spent in Emergency Assistance funds that assist eligible families with children in need of rent/mortgage or heat with a cap of \$200 per year. Low Income Energy Assistance checks were received which a report will be given at the next board meeting regarding this heating assistance program.

New Business

Contracted services for Child Support Enforcement Services continue to meet staffing needs for the agency. Contract with Dorothy Morrow, retired Haywood DSS CSE Supervisor, has proven to be very advantageous for the Department in delivering services and meeting, often, exceeding state standards.

Board members were given updated copy of the Mandated Programs and Services. (Copy attached to minutes.) This chart names the program/service and identifies the federal,

state or administrative rule that governs the requirement for the local DSS to administer the program and service.

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 is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 9:00 am in the Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date