

Macon County Social Services Board

January 18, 2018

Minutes

Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called meeting to order. Members in attendance were: Lisa Leatherman, Darlene Green, Evelyn Southard, Patrick Betancourt, Secretary to the Board and Cathy Makinson Business Officer designated to record minutes.

Minutes

Darlene Green made motion to approve December minutes, second by Evelyn Southard, minutes approved.

Financials

Business Officer, Cathy Makinson updated the Board on the Energy Program. As of today, the LIEAP funds are exhausted and CIP funds are expected to be totally obligated by the end of today. Cathy also reported that the state fiscal monitor is scheduled to come in February to complete his audit for this fiscal year. Financials were provided in Board books.

Program Reports

No Program Reports this month.

Old Business

Patrick updated the Board on the integration of child welfare into NC FAST. Macon was scheduled as part of Phase 1 rollout to begin January 22nd. In December, the Directors Association voted not to endorse the expansion of Phase 1 based on what had been found by Pilot Counties as major glitches. The Association sent a letter to the Division Director as well as the legislative oversight committee and DHHS made the decision to delay expansion until February. Patrick showed the Board the list of critical issues that are expected to be resolved before expanding and stated he was to be updated weekly on the status. The good news is that the DHHS leadership is listening to the concerns. The downside to a delay in rollout are concerns that momentum will be lost by social workers. The compressed training schedule helped to keep up the enthusiasm of being a part of the initial rollout.

As a follow up to the memo presented last month, Patrick reported the workers were still reviewing child welfare cases to ensure the proper legal documents were part of the files. He showed the Board a copy of an old VPA agreement which included the statement that this was not a legal document nor transfer of custody. The same day the memo went out to workers, the state division sent out a letter stating not to utilize forms that are outside of law and our authority. Patrick feels confident that Macon County DSS has processed cases properly under other attorneys.

New Business

No New Business was presented.

Closed Session

Lisa Leatherman made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and confidential case information. Darlene Green seconded, and motion carried.

Next Meeting

Next Board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, February 21st, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman | Date

Secretary | Date