

Macon County Social Services Board

November 15, 2017

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

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

Financials

Business Officer, Cathy Makinson updated the Board on the Energy Program that began November 1, 2017. DSS continues to see a decline in the demand following the opening day of the program. Possible factors are the warmer weather, late spring deliveries and also the change in DSS definition of being in a crisis and providers not delivering if upon they find the client is not in a crisis as defined. Cathy reminded the Board that LIEAP begins December 1st along with crisis opening to all households. Financials were provided in Board books.

Program Reports

No program reports this month.

Old Business

Patrick gave an update to the Board on the transition of Don Capaforte as Senior Services Admin Officer which has gone extremely well. All staff have been appreciative and are excited to have him as their director. Sheila Jenkins has gone by the center a few times to help in this transition and Don was able to meet with the Area Agency on Aging executive director to learn about the funding process for Senior Services.

Board approved the revised Macon County DSS Policy and Procedures Manual.

New Business

Patrick notified the Board of the upcoming Macon County Work First Electing County Plan process. Until the last Plan, the submission was biennially. It was changed from FY 16-18 to FY 16-19. This trend is continuing with the new plan for FY 19-22. Due to the delay in state communication regarding this plan process, there is a compressed timeline. Patrick has been studying the Plan to make sure it truly reflects what we do within Macon County. The Welfare Reform Committee is scheduled for November 28, 2017. Following approval of the FY 19-22 Electing County Plan, there will be a two week public comment period followed by Patrick presenting to the County Commissioners on December 12, 2017. Plan is due to the state by December 15, 2017. The main change in the new Plan is that client transfers from other counties would be re-screened according to Macon County requirements to ensure the individual is qualified to continue with that benefit since our Electing Plan is more stringent than the State Standard Plan. The Board endorsed the Department in moving forward with the Plan submission to the Welfare Reform Committee.

Closed Session

Lisa Leatherman made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and confidential case information. Darlene Green seconded, and motion carried. Board adjourned meeting to enjoy Thanksgiving luncheon with staff.

Next Meeting

Next Board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman | Date

Secretary | Date