

Macon County Social Services Board

December 16, 2022

Minutes

Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order. Members attending were Anne Hyder, Dale West, Page McCurry/HR, Patrick Betancourt, and Cathy Makinson, Business Officer designated to record minutes. Evelyn Southard had sent regrets as she was unable to attend.

Agenda was approved on motion of Dale West and second by Anne Hyder.

Patrick shared with the Board that he had missed the re-appointment of Anne to the Board which began 7/1/22 for the next three year term. He contacted County Admin and requested the appointment by County Commissioners to be retroactive to July 1, 2022, which was approved at this week's meeting.

Minutes

Minutes were deferred until the January meeting since Evelyn was not present to approve and Dale had not attended the November meeting.

Financials

Budget Officer, Cathy Makinson, updated the Board on the Energy program. To date, \$24,197.89 has been obligated in Crisis Funds, \$15,600 in LIEAP funds and \$1,828.58 in Haywood Electric funds. Haywood had not provided funds for the last two years but has sent an initial allocation of \$3,000 which requires a quarterly report. It is possible if funds are spent, that more funds can be made available. State automated payment system is still being worked on with providers having to register in a portal and provide direct deposit information. State has begun sending EFT payments for county shortfall of Medicaid 75/25 claiming process change. Counties will be held harmless this current fiscal year but will have to adjust their budget next fiscal year. Hopefully, Maximus can revise our Indirect Cost Plan to project cost of space that can be claimed. Financials were provided in the board books. Cathy mentioned that Patrick had been contacted by Cherokee County DSS with a request for their new admin employee to come to Macon DSS and be trained in the 1571 process. We have agreed to provide this opportunity in January.

Personnel Updates/Turnover Rate

Patrick informed the Board on Service Awards that were given this week at the County Commissioners meeting, as follows: 10 years, Amy Mason, 15 years, April Young, 25 years, Stacey Jenkins and 30 years, Cathy Makinson. Page showed the Board our LinkedIn webpage and our social media ads. Most recent updates include promotion of Kristin Kimbrough to IMCII and resignation of Brigit Frazier in Adult Medicaid, which means a vacancy in Adult Medicaid and a continued vacancy in CPS. Page is actively recruiting through social media and seeing an increase in ad response. We also have a HIGHTS intern at Senior Services, Emily Dawkins. Our turnover rate is now 11.43%. Patrick gave recognition of Page's graduation with honors from UNC Pembroke and her acceptance into their Masters in Public Administration.

Closed Session

No Closed Session this month.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 9am in the Admin Conference Room. Motion to adjourn made by Dale West, second by Anne Hyder.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date