

Macon County Social Services Board

December 20, 2019

Minutes

Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order. Members in attendance were: Lisa Leatherman, Anne Hyder, Evelyn Southard, Patrick Betancourt, Secretary to the Board Cathy Makinson, Business Officer designated to record minutes and HR Planner/Evaluator, Page McCurry.

Minutes

November minutes were approved on motion by Anne Hyder and second by Evelyn Southard.

Program Reports

No Program Reports this month.

Financials

Business Officer, Cathy Makinson reported to the Board we still do not have a meals contract for Senior Services with HCA. Outstanding invoice is approximately \$76,000. Cathy stated she continues to reach out to her contacts at Mission in Asheville. Cathy updated the Board on the energy programs. As with the opening of the Crisis program in November, the LIEAP program had a busy week the first week it opened and has continued to be steady but not high in demand. DSS has obligated \$51,700 in LIEAP funds of the \$142,848 allocation and obligated \$47,417 in Crisis funds of the \$152,116 allocation. In evaluating the current status of funds, it does not appear that we will need a reallocation of either program funds. Cathy also reported that the Federal Electing Cash funds have been deposited and that some of the funds were used to offset budget cuts. The areas of budget cuts continue to be monitored monthly.

Old Business

Patrick reported that the state legislature is scheduled to reconvene on 1/14/20 and Medicaid Managed Care will not likely be a topic. The future of this transformation is up in the air. There continues to be much concern on rates for Medicaid Transportation and is part of the requirement of PHPs to provide in their program.

Patrick, Page and IT employee, Nina Parrott, continue working on the Emergency Action Plan. Once completed, the plan will be reviewed with the Sheriff's Department after the holidays. They plan to invite someone from County Admin to be involved at that point to see what we have already done to protect employees.

Patrick notified the Board that Tokyo Marine, the county risk management company, had recently had a walk-through at Crawford Center since there have been several recent falls. They did not comment much on the interior but in regards to exterior, they had concerns about parking area as the pavement is so torn up, and the construction of the handicap ramp. The representative was to have a conversation with County Admin about improvements.

Patrick reminded the Board of DSS having been under a Program Improvement Plan in May 2018 for Management Evaluation in economic services. Last week, DSS received notification that they have successfully achieved all outcomes and have been fully released from all six areas.

Lisa Leatherman asked Patrick about the status of the CFPT, Child Fatality Protection Team. Patrick explained the committee along with the CCPT, the Community Child Protection Team, for newest Board member's understanding as well as for Board review. Anne Hyder informed the Board she had been the Chairman of the CCPT until she retired and was familiar with their purpose.

New Business

Patrick informed the Board about a conversation he recently had with Cathy Stiles of the Community Care Clinic. CCC has the capacity to dispense some medications to clients but do not have enough space to do so. She asked if there was available space where they could be available to clients more than Monday and Wednesday evenings and also have some daytime hours. Patrick informed we were completely out of space. She also stated they had lost some funding but had an additional amount provided through the Nantahala Health Foundation.

Board discussed Evelyn Southard's term expiration of June 30, 2020. Evelyn agreed to serve another three year term from 7/1/20-6/30/23.

Closed Session

Lisa Leatherman made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel information as allowed under G.S. 143-318.11. Evelyn Southard seconded, and motion carried.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, January 15th, 2020 at 8:30am in the Administrative Conference Room at the Human Services Building.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman | Date

Secretary | Date