

## **Macon County Social Services Board**

April 17, 2017

Minutes

### **Call to Order**

Patrick Betancourt called meeting to order. Members in attendance were: Lisa Leatherman; Dinah Mashburn; Darlene Anthony-Green; and Patrick Betancourt, Secretary to the Board.

### **Minutes**

Corrections to March minutes are needed to reflect the correct month of February (not January as currently written) and to reflect that Judy Chapman was a guest to the Board meeting. Motion and vote on approval of both Open Session and Closed Session minutes from the March meeting were deferred until the May meeting when both March and these minutes could be reviewed and approved.

### **Financials**

Monthly financials were provided in the Board books. Patrick reported on his and Business Officer Cathy Makinson's presentation to the County Manager and the Finance Director regarding the D.S.S. budget on April 4, 2017. Patrick discussed County Manager's support of reallocating a Part-Time activities coordinator at Crawford Center to Full-Time to meet increased demand in attendance to activities; County Manager's support of approving the creation of a second Full-Time Adult Services Social Worker II position.

**Program Reports:** David Smith, Child Protective Services (CPS) Supervisor, presented on the intensity and the significantly increasing number of CPS referrals his team is handling. David also spoke to changes in his program area that have been made following feedback from the previous child welfare process reviews conducted by the NC Division of Social Services. David informed the Board of the next process review scheduled for the week of April 25-27.

### **Old Business**

Patrick reported that Macon County's Medicaid timeliness for March was as follows:

	MAD Avg. Processing Time (APT)	MAD % Processed Timely (PPT)	OTHER Avg. Processing Time (APT)	OTHER % Processed Timely (PPT)
Macon County	48 days	98% passed	26 days	95% passed

Board discussed the Social Services Commission appointment to the Macon County D.S.S. Board. Patrick reached out to prospective Board Member Evelyn Southard via email to provide her with the appropriate forms to complete and submit to the Social Services Commission prior to April 28, 2017. Ms. Southard's financial background will make her a valuable addition to the Board. Board discussed ensuring that appointment terms were reflected in Board Books.

### **New Business**

Patrick reported to the Board a very brief overview of S.B. 594 | H.B. 608 and addressed the need to discuss this legislation further at the May meeting once the Directors' Association was able to develop and share a position on the proposed legislation.

As April is Employee Appreciation month, the Board agenda items were kept very brief to allow the Board to host a “thank you” luncheon for all staff.

Patrick addressed with Board several of the news articles related to the newly created Foster Care Social Worker position that was requested and approved by County Commissioners. Patrick also addressed the three presentations that were made to County Commissioners at their meeting on April 11, 2017 including: a request to the Commissioners to adopt a resolution in recognition of the volunteer hours provided to members of the Crawford Senior Center; a letter by the Director in opposition to the proposal of elimination of the Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) outlined in the Federal Administration’s budget; a presentation by Southwestern Child Development Commission requesting \$25,000 from the county in support of the Nurse Family Partnership Program; and, finally, a proposal to secure an agreement with Cross the Road ministry to utilize a lot off Porter St. for additional parking for Crawford Center members.

**Closed Session**

Dinah Mashburn made motion for the Board to enter into a Closed Session to discuss personnel information. Darlene Anthony-Green seconded, and the motion carried. Board returned from Closed Session with a motion from Lisa Leatherman and Dinah Mashburn seconding. Motion carried and Board returned to Open Session.

**Next Meeting**

Next Board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

APPROVED BY:

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Chairman | Date

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Secretary | Date