

Macon County Social Services Board

April 17, 2019

Minutes

Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order in the Administrative Conference Room at the Department of Social Services. 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

Minutes with slight revision were approved on motion of Evelyn Southard and second by Lisa Leatherman.

Financials/ Program Report

Lisa Leatherman spoke on her experience with budget presentation to County Manager and County Finance Director. Patrick also reported that an outcome of that meeting was that the County Manager approved DSS moving forward on the purchase of three replacement vehicles under \$25,000 with remaining FY 18-19 funds. Financials were provided in the board books.

Old Business

Patrick updated the Board on the space analysis meeting with the architect. Moseley had projected office space sized allocations based on positions and gave a total square footage needed to accommodate. In the meeting there were a few corrections to space needed. The next step will be to take the space required and layout what departments need in phases over years, look at existing county property and suggest new building needs.

New Business

DSS Board approved revision to the Adoption Fee Schedule in regards to court ordered assessments for step-parent adoptions. DSS is legally required to assess and then complete the Pre-Placement report to the court. The Board was also informed that adoption social worker, Stacey Messer, has been advised to suspend private home studies as requested by families other than DSS homes as she has no capacity to do any of these home studies with the number of families needing to be licensed following MAPP classes. The Board agreed the assessment fees must be paid prior to initiating the assessments. Evelyn Southard made the motion to approve the fee revision, Darlene Green seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Patrick reported to the Board on the new NC DHHS MOU that all 100 counties are required to sign in agreement of performance measures established by the State in all areas except for Medicaid, which will be separate and include the Transformation changes. Consequences for failing to meet the measures for three consecutive months are applied in stages including notice to county, and a corrective action plan after the county has an opportunity to respond. The more failures in a county, the more state will take control. This is something they have always been able to do, including withholding funds and charging a county for costs incurred. The parameters the state has established and how they were developed is the cause of the directors' concerns. The State has only been able to supposedly validate 13 of the 26 measures. The MOE begins 6/30/19-6/30/20. Patrick displayed the example of some of the measures and stated the growth measure is based on the prior year. Patrick stated that the State says they have validated the numbers with counties but they have not, it was presented on an all-county conference call and they were not able to define where they gathered their data. Macon's performance measures are two in Energy, four in FNS and two in WF. State removed child welfare and adult protective services but will still be monitoring those areas.

Patrick informed the Board on the Medicaid Transformation process to Managed Care. Medicaid is moving to a Prepaid Health Plan (PHP) where providers will be paid a set amount. NC has already transitioned mental health

services in the same way. DSS will still determine eligibility but clients will have to choose between 4 PHPs through the broker, Maximus.

Discussion was held regarding Darlene Green's term ending 6/30/2019 and possible candidates to replace her on the Board.

Page McCurry gave a Personnel update.

Closed Session

No Closed Session this month.

Next Meeting

The location of the next meeting scheduled on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 8:30am is changed to the Senior Services Crawford Center as the Board is hosting the Appreciation Breakfast for Senior Center staff.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman | Date

Secretary | Date