

Macon County Social Services Board

June 21, 2019

Minutes

Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order . Meeting had been rescheduled to this date. 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. Additionally, a representative from the Franklin Press was in attendance.

Minutes

Revised April minutes and May minutes were approved on motion by Evelyn Southard and second by Darlene Green.

Financials

Business Officer, Cathy Makinson, presented the Contract Log for FY 19-20. After discussion of changes from last year's log, Board approved next year's contracts on motion made by Evelyn Southard and second by Lisa Leatherman.

Old Business

Patrick updated the Board on MOU with NCDHHS due June 30, 2019, in regards to performance measures for next fiscal year. Prior to sending, Patrick ran current performance reports in areas covered under this MOU. DHHS is only holding counties accountable in 13 of 26 measures including FNS, Work First, Energy and Child Support. Child Support is meeting all except two measures. First, the amount of child support received and secondly, cases under order. Both areas are cumulative and will be met or exceeded by the end of FY 18-19. Energy as well as FNS timeliness are meeting all measures. In terms of these 13 measures, Macon County is doing very well. This is the baseline year for the MOU and NC DHHS will be using these numbers to establish next year's goals. Patrick reminded the Board, that these performance measures will be used to revise our DSS performance measures, and will be used to simplify our locally developed report.

Patrick reported that he had spoken with County Commissioner Ronnie Beale in regards to the new Board appointment to replace Darlene Green whose term ends June 30, 2019. Board had proposed Anne Hyder and Ronnie indicated he will present her name at their regular July Board meeting.

At this time, Patrick recognized Board Member Darlene Green, and her three years of dedicated service terminating June 30, 2019. He also explained the composition of the Board and their appointments for the benefit of the local press representative. One member is appointed by the County Commissioners, one is appointed by the NC DHHS Commission for the governor and one member is chosen by the DSS Board.

Patrick stated to the Board that the recent Elder Abuse Awareness Walk on June 17th had a great turnout with Dorothy Crawford, former DSS Director, leading the walk at 101 years old.

Patrick explained that DSS continues to make plans for the Medicaid Transformation. He is hoping to have a presence in the county of MAXIMUS, the broker, along with the four providers of the PHPs'. NC DHHS reached out to Macon for a possible staff training for the 7 western counties. DSS hopes to hear by mid-July about the possibility of that training to be scheduled in August.

Program Report

No Program Reports were given this month. However, Patrick notified the Board that Stacey Jenkins had been promoted to CPS Supervisor after 21+ years in foster care and he invited Stacey in to speak with the Board for a few minutes at this time.

New Business

Patrick reported on the Energy Assistance Outreach meeting which had taken place the day before. This community outreach is required two times per year by the State to talk about the program and how we serve the community. Currently there is fan money available through the Senior Services for those in need of cooling assistance as we reserve most Energy funds for heating assistance. There was good discussion on how to increase the community awareness. The Energy Outreach Plan requires DSS Board approval and needs the Board Chair’s signature. Plan was approved on motion made by Evelyn Southard and second by Darlene Green.

Closed Session

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

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July17, 2019, at 8:30am in the Administrative Conference Room at the Human Services Building. Vic Perry will be present to swear in the new Board member.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman | Date

Secretary | Date