

Macon County Social Services Board

July 23, 2014

Minutes

It was announced that Dinah Mashburn had been reappointed to the Board by the NC Social Services Commission for a term of 3 years.

Jim Garner made motion to re-elect Dinah Mashburn as Board Chair, Lisa Leatherman seconded and motion carried.

Call to Order

Dinah Mashburn called meeting to order. Members in attendance were Dinah Mashburn, Chair, Jim Garner and Lisa Leatherman. Also attending was Jane Kimsey, Director and Secretary to Board.

Minutes

Open Session and Closed Session Minutes of the June 18, 2014 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Lisa Leatherman, second by Jim Garner.

Financials

Monthly financials for June were provided in board book.

Request was received from Vanguard Professional Staffing to increase the contracted hourly rate for social work services from \$36.00 to \$37.80 effective immediately. This contracted service is utilized for face to face visits with foster children placed outside of 75 mile radius which the requested increase in cost is justifiable. Jim Garner made motion to approve request, Lisa Leatherman seconded.

Request was made to contract with Dorothy Morrow to provide interstate child support services on temporary basis due to unexpected resignation of Patricia Roach, CSA II. Temporary contract would be for 6 months for \$18.00 an hour up to maximum reimbursement of \$9,936. Jim Garner made motion to approve and Dinah Mashburn seconded. Motion carried.

Program Reports

FYE 2014 Program Report is still in process of being developed and program reports will resume in September.

Old Business

NC FAST was updated. Medicaid backlog consist of 4 MAGI apps and 4 traditional apps. The Accelerated Medicaid Processing Plan submitted to the state was approved to address application backlog issues. Outstanding help desk tickets at the state level continue to be the issue with the traditional Medicaid apps that are overdue.

Northwoods implementation of the electronic mobile social work services system continues to proceed on schedule.

Electronic Device Usage Policy for DSS Employees was approved as presented at last Board meeting on motion of Dinah Mashburn and second by Jim Garner. Updated Personnel Policy will be emailed to Board members for their review and action at the August DSS Board meeting.

New Business

DSS Board meeting schedule was discussed. Board will continue to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, except for the September meeting due to a conflict. The September Board meeting will meet on Tuesday, September 23rd at 9:00.

The General Assembly released the Program Evaluation Division study of Child Support Services ranking Macon County Child Support Program as number 1 in the state for SFY '12-'13 based on 5 criteria - current collections, past due payments, paternity establishment, cases under order and cost effectiveness. Board congratulated all involved for this superior state ranking.

Franklin Press article on Program Integrity was shared with the Board. This article was focused on the Department's increased efforts to address fraud in Food and Nutrition Services including recommendation to the DA office for prosecution of the most egregious offenders.

The state IV-E Foster Care Audit included review of 5 cases, which all 5 of the case samples were found to be in compliance. The federal IV-E audit is currently underway, which Macon County had 3 cases pulled for this review.

Planning for the Work First Electing County Plan for FFY 2016-2019 has begun, unexpectedly. Notice was received from the state that the County Commissioners must decide whether to continue as an Electing County by the end of July, which the email notification was effectively received on the day before the County Commissioner's July Board meeting. Commissioner's did accommodate a last minute agenda request, and the Board unanimously approved to continue as an Electing County. The Welfare Reform Planning Committee is meeting to revise the plan, which the plan will be posted for 2 week public review before finalizing and recommending to the Board of County Commissioners at their September meeting.

Closed Session

Jim Garner made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and case information. Lisa Leatherman seconded, and motion carried. Board returned from Closed Session.

Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 20 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Dinah Marshall 8-20-14 Joe C. Kinsky 8/20/14
Chairman/Date Secretary/Date