Macon County Social Services Board

July 15, 2020 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, Evelyn Southard, Anne Hyder, Patrick Betancourt, Secretary to the Board, Cathy Makinson, Business Officer designated to record minutes. Meeting location was moved to the Meeting Rooms A/B of the Human Services Building to allow for visitors and the time was changed from 8:30am to 3:30pm. First order of business was to recognize Evelyn Southard as the new Board Chair.

Minutes

Minutes were approved on motion of Anne Hyder and second by Lisa Leatherman.

Financials

Business Officer, Cathy Makinson, updated the Board on some new revenue allocations including almost \$36,000 in Adoption Promotion Funds. The State had said they would be evaluating the formula for this fund and issue an EFT at the end of the fiscal year and we received this notice on 6/24/20. Senior Services has received \$41,830 in Families First Funds to be used for additional meal purchases and \$99,994 in Cares Funding which will support Volunteer travel, meals, equipment and hopefully a new 4WD vehicle for meal delivery. Out of that Cares Funding, \$17,000 is allocated to Transit. DSS also received an additional \$18,206 in funding to support the part-time temporary social worker requested in this year's budget which approval was deferred until DSS needed the position. Cathy mentioned county auditors are expected next week, with their final audit in September.

Old Business

Patrick advised the Board that the original return to office (RTO) of teleworkers which was scheduled for July 1st, has been extended indefinitely due to rise in Covid cases in the county. Patrick had sent the request to the county manager at the end of June based on trends. A few staff have returned but the lobby is still closed to customers.

New Business

Page McCurry, presented personnel updates including the resignation of Jermaine Bradley, SW, who is moving closer to his family, transfer of Courtney Bullman, SW, from Child Welfare to Adult Services and our new Computer Support Tech, Troy Turnquist. There are still vacancies in CPS and the front receptionist positions.

Patrick shared with the Board the recent legislative update, SB 808 with is the Medicaid Funding Act which authorizes 69 million and establishes a new transformation date and provides a deadline of January 1, 2021 for contracts to be in place. It allows for contracts to be open the first three years but could be extended a fourth year. It allows for a phased enrollment process with more information to come.

Closed Session

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

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at 8:30am in the Administrative Conference Room at the Human Services Building.

APPROVED BY:	
Chairman Date	Secretary Date