

Macon County Social Services Board

July 27, 2016

Minutes

Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called meeting to order. New Board member, Darlene Green was sworn in by Clerk of Court Vic Perry. Members in attendance were: Lisa Leatherman, Dinah Mashburn, Patrick Betancourt, Secretary to the Board and Cathy Makinson Business Officer designated to record minutes.

Lisa Leatherman was voted the new Board Chair after nomination by Dinah Mashburn and second by Darlene Green. Board affirmed continuing to meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 9am.

Minutes

Open Session and Closed Session Minutes of the June meeting were approved after motion by Lisa Leatherman, second by Dinah Mashburn.

Financials

Monthly financials were provided in the Board books.

Old Business

Patrick reminded Board about the possibility of an agreement with the NC Pediatric Society Community Care Network that designated foster children as a special population that would receive enhanced schedule of health care visits and services. The agreement would allow child welfare agencies access to electronic records through Medicaid claim data, to see a health snapshot of the child as long as they were eligible for Medicaid. Patrick had presented this opportunity to county attorney, Chester Jones who presented to the County Commissioners for their support.

USDA timeliness update: 5 week average for Macon County was 100% and state 96.98%. As a whole the state is meeting performance expectation. Patrick stated the same type of timeliness report will be going into effect for Medicaid as well.

Senior Services, Crawford Center was awarded their Scope Certification as a Center of Excellence in June with the final fiscal award expected in September around \$17,000. Funds received will allow an additional part-time employee and fill the position lost through Senior Aide Program. County had already approved two new part-time positions for FY 16-17 budget. The Certification is good for five years with the recertification work beginning now. Center will be tracking many areas within presented plan and be able to show evidence of completion. One are the Kiosks set up for member cards to be swiped with members choosing activity they are involved in that day at the Center. The Kiosk program will track statistics for the agency. Patrick also mentioned that Senior Services had received quite a bit of media coverage with security enhancements to the Center being approved by the County Commissioners.

Patrick reported that DSS had asked the state for an extension in the Program Development Plan due to new CPS Supervisor and staff. The Division approved the request and Macon used the extra month to revise the development plan and that has now been submitted.

Patrick reported that the 30th Judicial District including all the western DSS agencies and the Eastern Band of Cherokees had been selected as part of a 2 year project on targeting Human Trafficking with \$100,000 being awarded each of the two years.

New Business

Patrick discussed the difference in the CCPT, Community Child Protection Team and CFPT, Child Fatality Prevention Team with the CCPT being a multi-disciplinary team assessing childrens' needs and the CFPT reviewing child fatalities, how community could have had better protection and change the outcome. Some counties have combined the teams because of duplicate representation. Patrick will be meeting with the CFPT on Monday to discuss the matter.

Patrick informed the Board that the Child Care component in NC FAST has been delayed at least until later in this fiscal year to allow time for providers to complete the enrollment process. He also mentioned the follow-up Medicaid testing by the county auditors is scheduled the week of September 12th. They are re-auditing second party review process, testing some cases and checking to see that computer screens are locked anytime a worker is not sitting at their desk. Patrick reported that the Child Care Subsidy Monitoring scored 99% last month.

Lastly, Patrick explained to the Board that the Directors Association was suspending their support and partnership with the North Carolina Social Services Association (NCSSA) which provides a professional organization for social services employees due to scrutiny of their financial management and the lack of providing reports requested. Macon DSS only has 3 members and the decision will be made to dissolve their organization.

Closed Session

Lisa Leatherman made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and confidential case information. Dinah Mashburn seconded, and motion carried. Board returned from Closed Session with motion from Lisa Leatherman, second by Dinah Mashburn.

Next Meeting

Next Board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman | Date

Secretary | Date