

Macon County Social Services Board

August 23, 2017

Minutes

Call to Order

First order of business was to have Vic Perry, Clerk of Court, swear in new Board Member, Evelyn Southard. Evelyn replaces outgoing Board Member Dinah Mashburn.

Lisa Leatherman called meeting to order. Members in attendance were: Lisa Leatherman, Evelyn Southard, Patrick Betancourt, Secretary to the Board and Cathy Makinson Business Officer designated to record minutes. Darlene had sent regrets due to scheduling conflict. Lisa Leatherman agreed to continue as Board Chair for this fiscal year.

Minutes

Open Session and Closed Session Minutes of the July meeting were deferred to September meeting since Darlene Green was absent.

Financials

Business Officer, Cathy Makinson presented the Electing Cash Budget Amendment items for Board Approval as we had received the Funding Authorization. Evelyn made motion to approve the amendment for the new allocation, Lisa Leatherman seconded, motion approved. Cathy said she hoped to have end of FY 16-17 financials prepared to present next month. At this time, Patrick requested the Board's approval to continue as an electing county. It is time again to submit the request as well as the Biennial Plan for FY 19-21. Board gave full support and Patrick will present the request to County Commissioners at their Board meeting in September.

Program Reports

No Program Reports this month. Patrick stated he hoped to have the first of the Performance Measures for FY 16-17 ready to present in October.

Old Business

Patrick requested the Board defer the editing of the Revised Policies and Procedures Manual to September when all Board members would be present and to give time for Evelyn to review.

New Business

Patrick reported to the Board that DSS had just completed an intensive Child Fatality Review on a 2014 case. He reminded the Board this is a review where the state comes in and identifies how we as a community can improve anything to prevent these types of tragedies from occurring. David Smith, CPS Supervisor notified Patrick that the review had gone exceptionally well, that all systems within the community had cooperated and there were no recommendations on how we deliver services. The review solidified how close we work with pediatricians and community partners. There will be another review in December which will be the first fatality review with Patrick as Director and David as Supervisor. State has had a 3 year backlog in reviews and the new Secretary has vowed to address the backlog within this next year.

Patrick informed the Board that he had recently attended the New Directors Orientation and found the overview very helpful. School of Government presented and emphasized the major focus of the legislature this coming year on child welfare.

Patrick notified the Board that the County Manager had requested Department Heads attend an initial Capital Improvement Plan presentation. Davenport & Company have been retained to assist the county in this process. Patrick stated our main focus will be expansion of the Crawford Senior Center but he is unsure as to where this project will fall on the county priority list.

Closed Session

Lisa Leatherman made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and confidential case information. Evelyn Southard seconded, and motion carried.

Next Meeting

Next Board meeting is changed to Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman | Date

Secretary | Date