

Macon County Social Services Board

September 18, 2019 Open Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called meeting to order. Members in attendance were: Lisa Leatherman, Evelyn Southard, Anne Hyder, and Patrick Betancourt, Secretary to the Board. Cathy Makinson, Business Officer designated to record minutes was on excused absence.

Minutes

Evelyn Southard made motion to approve August Open Session meeting minutes with a second by Lisa Leatherman. Minutes were approved.

Financials

As Business Officer, Cathy Makinson was not present for the meeting the Board decided that detailed end-of-year financials would be reviewed in October. Financials reports, however, were provided in Board books.

Program Reports

Page McCurry, Human Services Planner/Evaluator, provided a detailed report to the Board regarding the 13 active measures being tracked within the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that NC Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and all 100 county departments of social services signed at the beginning of the fiscal year. The Board was reminded that the MOU was required as a part of [Session Law 2017-41 \(House Bill 630\)](#) and that there are a total of 26 measures that DHHS has included in the MOU but that only 13 have data which can be validated and, therefore, department of social services are being held accountable for only those 13 (5 goals in Child Support Enforcement or CSE; 4 goals in Food and Nutrition Services or FNS; 2 goals in Energy Assistance; and 2 goals in Work First). The remaining 13 are considered "growth measures." The Board was also reminded that 8 of the active measures are calculated on a monthly basis while the 5 CSE goals are calculated on an annual basis.

Old Business

Patrick updated the Board on the single county audit field testing visit by the audit firm Martin & Starnes last week. Patrick explained that the areas tested included: DSS-1571 (financial reporting form); Social Security Income (SSI) termination cases in Medicaid; adoption assistance cases; Work First cases; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) cases; and other Medicaid programs including Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) as well as physical computer security measures. All areas were reported in the exit interview to be clean with no findings based on the field testing. Patrick explained that the auditors provided the caveat that there was some additional testing that would occur back in the office that may adjust the exit interview findings but that all looked good.

New Business

Patrick provided the Board information on an upcoming "Prospective Review" for foster care cases utilizing the federal On-Site Review Instrument (OSRI). Patrick reminded the Board that this would be the fourth state review utilizing the OSRI in the past two years in addition to on-going Process Reviews that take place every six months. Patrick provided the Board background information on the state's 3 federal Child and Family Service Reviews (CFSR) and its subsequent Program Improvement Plan (PIP) related to the shortcomings found in the most recent CF SR. One aspect of the PIP includes the on-going quality assurance of child welfare cases through the use of the OSRI. While the letters for each of the OSRI reviews for Macon indicate that the county was selected randomly, Patrick agreed to reach out to neighboring counties within the region to determine how many OSRI reviews each county has undergone in the past 4 years.

Closed Session

Pursuant to [N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.11 \(a\) \(6\)](#):

in order to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee

Lisa Leatherman made a motion to go into Closed Session. Evelyn Southard seconded, and the motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the D.S.S. Administrative Conference Room.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman | Date

Secretary | Date