

Macon County Social Services Board

September 19, 2018

Minutes

Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called meeting to order. Members in attendance were: Lisa Leatherman, Darlene Green, Evelyn Southard, Patrick Betancourt, Secretary to the Board, and Cathy Makinson Business Officer designated to record minutes.

Minutes

Evelyn Southard made motion to approve August minutes along with the September Special Called Meeting minutes of 9/7/18, second by Darlene Green, minutes approved.

Financials

Business Officer, Cathy Makinson updated the Board on the recent audit looking at the full year of several line items and not just two months of the 1571 information and also included daysheet and payroll monitoring. Macon has received their funding authorization for Crisis funds with an increase of \$29,454, totaling \$151,282 and an increase in the Energy Admin revenues totaling \$24,845 including an increase of \$4,837. Crisis Program is set to begin on 11/1/18. Year-end financial analysis will be shared at October board meeting. Financials were provided in Board books.

Program Reports

No Program Reports at this time. However, HR employee, Danielle Greb presented new organizational charts to the Board with positive feedback given. She also updated on recent child support hire and the vacant foster care social work position. Very few qualified applications have been received as most western counties are also advertising for social work positions. Danielle also informed the Board of the recent pilot of electronic personnel documents with county HR. With the breakdown in process flow, DSS has requested a meeting involving County HR, Finance, IT and agencies piloting this process to better understand and agree on what is needed and expected from each county partner.

Old Business

Patrick updated the Board on the scheduled child welfare listening session in Jackson County. This meeting with state officials was to have public input on suggested improvements in child welfare. Due to state Hurricane Florence impact, the meeting has been postponed.

Patrick also updated the Board on the Cherokee County CVA issue. Macon assisted initially with two cases and was able to assess and close those cases pretty quickly. However, a third case not related to the CVA issue but a present allegation with one of the households has required Macon to accept as a conflict case. This current case will most likely require Macon County Social Worker to work with the family in Cherokee County as well as possibly having to testify in federal court when the class action suit is heard.

New Business

Patrick discussed impact of Hurricane Florence on the state including FNS waiver to allow recipients to purchase prepared hot foods with their benefits. He also reported that emergency shelters are dealing

with mental health issues which highlight the need for the state to evaluate all assistance needed in times of disaster/crisis.

Patrick made the Board aware of a recent Work First/TANF audit which occurred the same week county auditors were here. There is a potential payback when a household was not reassessed in a timely manner. This lapse occurred as cases were transferred from the old legacy system to NC FAST. He reported a couple other findings that will not have any payback penalties that Macon DSS plans on responding with their interpretation of policy when the report is received.

Closed Session

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

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the DSS Administrative Conference Room. Board was also reminded of Social Services Institute scheduled October 17-19, 2018 in Hickory with Board Training scheduled Thursday, October 18th. At this point in time SSI has not been cancelled due to hurricane impact but has been in the past when a large part of the state was unable to attend following hurricane.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman | Date

Secretary | Date