



Macon County Social Services Board

Friday, Jan. 17, 2025

Regular Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order. Members in attendance included Mike Williams, Anne Hyder, Cara Smith, Patrick Betancourt (Executive Officer and Secretary to the Board), Beneth Aiken, and Lynne Kurimay.

Proposed Agenda

Proposed Agenda was approved on motion of Anne Hyder and second by Cara Smith.

Minutes

December minutes were approved on motion of Mike Williams and second by Anne Hyder.

Financial Update/Energy Assistance Update

Lynne Kurimay reported that she continues to staff weekly with Cathy Makinson as preliminary budget discussions are underway. Lynne recently participated in a budget webinar for the next fiscal year and reports there are resources that will be very helpful in assisting this process. The budget estimates are due by February 15 each year with certain program budget estimates being more predictable than others are. Lynne added for Energy Assistance, the agency has made a reallocation request to move \$15,000 of CIP (Crisis Intervention Program) energy funds to for non-crisis LIHEAP (Low-Income Housing Energy Assistance Program) due to the reduced federal LIHEAP allocation this year. Patrick explained that this is the first time in his administration that NC DHHS allowed counties to move funds from one energy category to another. Patrick also provided an update to the Board regarding communications with NC DHSS related to the on-going child welfare monitoring activities.

Non Profit Agency Update

Patrick updated the Board related to a letter that was sent to a local non-profit on Jan. 2, 2025 related to the partnership with that organization as well as the continued partnerships with the other local non-profit agencies serving foster children and resource families including Kaylee's Closet and Together We Can.

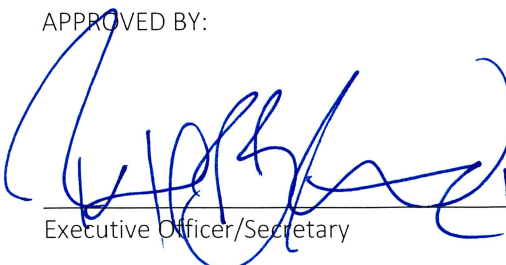

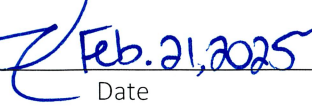
Personnel Update/Agency Exits Data

Beneth Aiken shared personnel updates. There were two departures from the agency. Holly Bowick (FNS caseworker), hired in Nov. 2024, resigned and Amy Breedlove (childcare subsidy eligibility caseworker) transferred to County Administration to work in Human Resources. Turnover rates compared to previous quarters and years were discussed. There were no personnel changes at Senior Services.

Motion to enter closed session was made by Mike Williams and second by Anne Hyder.

Motion to return from closed session with no action taken by the Board was made by Mike Williams, second by Anne Hyder. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anne Hyder, second by Cara Smith.

APPROVED BY:

Executive Officer/Secretary Date Chairman Date