



## **Macon County Social Services Board**

Friday, February 21, 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 Mike Williams, seconded by Cara Smith.

### **Minutes**

January minutes were approved on motion of Anne Hyder, seconded by Cara Smith.

### **SFY 2026 Budget Planning Update**

Lynne Kurimay and Patrick Betancourt discussed the SFY 2026 budget planning process. Lynne reported that she and Cathy Makinson (contract fiscal staff) are diligently working together to have all of the items completed by the given schedule. Patrick reviewed the County's budget calendar timeline with the Board and discussed the budget priorities that will be proposed for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board supported a timeline that would permit the agency to present the budget information to the County on March 11 and then present the submitted budget to the Board at the March meeting. The agency would then request to present the budget to the Interim County Manager and the Finance Director after the March Board meeting – noting any information the Board wished to convey to County Administration regarding the agency's budget.

### **Board Member Tenure**

Anne Hyder's tenure with the Board will conclude on June 30, 2025 after having served two full consecutive three-year terms. Her role on the Board is appointed by the Macon County Commissioners. Patrick reviewed the revised process for requesting an appointment to a County Board or Committee with the Board members. Our objective is to collaborate within Macon County Human Resources and the agency's County Commissioner Liaison to identify and recommend a suitable replacement. While the Board can make recommendations regarding appointment to the County Commissioners, ultimately appointment of this Board position rests with a majority vote by the County Commissioners as a whole to appoint the next individual.

### **Personnel Update/Agency Exits Data**


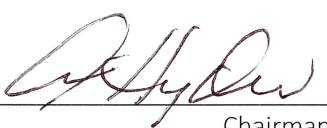
Beneth Aiken shared personnel updates. While there were no departures from the agency, there were two promotions within the agency: April Young has accepted the Medicaid Trainer position and Melissa Moore has been promoted to an Income Maintenance Caseworker II in Food and Nutrition. There were three new employees: Susan Williams as a Social Worker in Permanency Planning, Travis Bryson and Alex Hopkins as Income Maintenance Caseworker's in Medicaid. There were no personnel changes at Senior Services.

A motion to enter closed session pursuant to [N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.11 \(a\)\(1\) and 143-318.11 \(a\)\(6\)](#) to discuss confidential and personnel matters was made by Anne Hyder, seconded by Mike Williams.

Upon returning to open session with no action taken by the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Williams, seconded by Cara Smith.

These minutes were voted on and approved by the Macon County Social Services Board at its regularly held meeting on:

March 21, 2025.

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Executive Officer/Secretary      Date      Chairman      Date