

## **Macon County Social Services Board**

January 15, 2014

### **Minutes**

#### **Call to Order**

Dinah Mashburn called meeting to order. Members in attendance were Dinah Mashburn, Chair, Jim Garner and Lisa Leatherman. Also attending was Jane Kimsey, Director and Secretary to Board.

#### **Minutes**

Open Session and Closed Session Minutes of the December 18, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Lisa Leatherman, second by Jim Garner.

#### **Financials**

Monthly financials for December were provided in board book.

#### **Program Reports**

Cathy Makinson presented the Support Services and the Fiscal Services Performance Reports for last fiscal year. All goals were met. Since the development of the report, the county budgeted cost savings for FY 12-13 was determined to be \$430,035.

There were no findings in the FY12-13 county audit, and the state will be conducting a fiscal monitoring for months of October and December 2013.

CPS recidivism rate analysis was provided. Of the 7 cases that were identified as repeat recipients of child protective services in last fiscal year, these cases were used as basis to justify funding the more intensive family intervention program called Intercept through Youth Villages. There may be the need for a step down in-home services program after the provision of Intercept, which this need is currently being analyzed.

#### **Old Business**

Information for the Economic Services Point in Time Report, specifically the dollar amount of Medicaid services provided in November 2013, was not able to be obtained due to implementation of the new Medicaid reimbursement system. If this data becomes available in the future, the information will be shared with the board.

NC FAST and ACA updates were given. The NC Association of County Directors of Social Services have formally requested parts of NC FAST implementation be postponed until the pilot counties have sufficient time to test the program given the new MA guidelines resulting from ACA. There is also much concern about the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) program reports not meeting USDA guidelines, which has resulted in the state of NC being placed under a plan of correction. Macon County DSS FNS report shows very few cases not meeting USDA guidelines which most of these cases are thought to be result of implementing NC FAST.

Crisis Intervention Program funds are close to being fully expended while approximately 75% of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program funds remain. Request has been made of the state to move a portion of the LIEAP funds to CIP to serve more households. Even though LIEAP target population is expanded to include more households February

1, the benefit amount is about half of the Crisis benefit. Given the severe cold weather and continued prediction of such, the need for assistance with heating bills is going to increase.

TANF cash savings plan is still being developed.

### **New Business**

Director has been scheduled to present at the County Commissioner's Budget Planning Session in regard to the fiscal impact of NC FAST on '14-'15 FY budget.

DSS Staff Appreciation Luncheon was scheduled for April 16, 2014 at 12:00. Since the Board meets this same day, the board meeting time will be moved to 10:30. Notices will be posted.

Board was updated on committee meetings at the General Assembly focused on delivery of Child Protective Services.

### **Closed Session**

Jim Garner made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel. Lisa Leatherman seconded, and motion carried. Board returned from Closed Session.

### **Next Meeting**

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 19, at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

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Chairman/Date

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Secretary/Date