

## **Macon County Social Services Board**

August 15, 2012

Minutes

### **Call to Order**

Dinah Mashburn called meeting to order.

### **Minutes**

Open and Closed Session Minutes of the July 25, 2012 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Jeff King, second by Jim Garner.

### **Financials**

Monthly financials were briefly reviewed. Year-end financials were deferred to the September Board meeting due to state transitioning to new reporting codes which has delayed the state final fiscal year reports.

### **Program Reports**

Reports on Child Protective Services, Medicaid and Food & Nutrition Services were reviewed. Child Protective Services received 22 reports in one 24 hour period last week, which generally monthly reports average 40.

### **Old Business**

Based on Kaiser Commission information, the projected number of potential Medicaid eligible in Macon County due to Health Care Reform was determined to be approximately 3,000. This number includes the potential uninsured non-elderly residents that are below 139% of poverty. Current number of Medicaid recipients in Macon County 5,836.

Update was given on the new legislation that allows Health and Human Services consolidation in all NC counties. Approximately 5 counties are actively pursuing the process to consolidate, with about 8 considering or studying consolidation. Buncombe County's process took about 7 years to consolidate several county departments, and their Assistant County Manager, who is also their DSS Director, advised to be strategic in this process, not just flipping a switch. County Commissioners and Manager recent newspaper article indicates that Macon County is not pursuing consolidation. State TANF allocation is still pending. Possible reductions are still pending, which funding plan will be brought back to the Board if funding allocation is less than the original estimate.

### **New Business**

Performance reports for each DSS Team are being finalized. Supervisors will be presenting their team's performance data at future Board meetings. Focus in September will be on fiscal accountability.

Based on suggestion from staff, 2 team unit locations are being moved to improve communications and process flow. Child Protective Services has been moved into the area with Adult and Family Services, to make one Social Work Section. Child Support

Enforcement was relocated to the old CPS location. One Office Support staff person being relocated closer to her Supervisor and to the Legal Services office. Meeting was held with the new CareNet Executive Director, Shaina Adkins. Brief discussion, in follow-up to last year's winter community planning meeting, was held on developing a joint community assistance application that would be available to churches and other assistance agencies.

**Closed Session**

Jim Garner made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss confidential case information, personnel and contracts. Jeff King seconded, and motion carried. Board returned from Closed Session.

**Next Meeting**

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 19, 2012 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