

Macon County Social Services Board

November 21, 2012

Minutes

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Open and Closed Session Minutes of the October 17, 2012 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Jeff King, second by Jim Garner.

Financials

No issues or concerns on monthly expenditures and revenues were identified, all are within budgeted amounts.

Program Reports

Child Protective Services, Food & Nutrition Services and Medicaid services reports were reviewed.

Lisa Hilliard, Social Work Supervisor, highlighted adoption services provided through the Department focusing on the exemplary past fiscal year performance.

Old Business

NC FAST Phase I conversion is underway. Applications have been split into intake and processing to expedite approval or denial in the new system. Monthly recertifications were backlogged but action plan including reassignment of staff from other teams has helped in getting recertifications completed.

Crisis Intervention Program being administered through Carenet has been very successful. Few complaints were received, but overall primarily positive response from the community. Including cooling assistance, total of \$101,462 has been expended assisting 357 households that were in cooling or heating crisis this fiscal year.

New Business

Low Income Energy Assistance Program begins December 1, with applications starting Monday, December 3 since the 1st falls on a Saturday. Age 60 and over and disabled adults receiving SSI, SSA or VA disability benefits and assistance through Division of Aging and Adult Services are the target population. Income and reserve guidelines have to be met too. \$200, \$300 or \$400 benefits are authorized depending on number in the household, amount of income and the heat source. Carenet is also administering this program.

New legislation requiring Special Assistance county maintenance of effort funds was discussed. Board was also briefed on the changes in Adult Care Homes in relation to homes being designated as Institute of Mental Disease and also changes to Personal Care Services. Personal Care Services changes will also impact Medicaid recipients receiving

these services in home settings. All of these changes are resulting in more state & county funding partnership opportunities, formerly called unfunded mandates.

Department is hosting a Mass Care Shelter community forum for all community disaster preparedness agencies. Intent is to update agencies and county shelter operations plan to incorporate the functional needs support services now required for general mass care shelters. Special Needs Shelters for the general population are no longer established except for nursing home or adult care home residents which the nursing home or adult care home has to provide the specialized staffing to meet the special care needs of their residents.

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, December 19, 2012 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date