

## **Macon County Social Services Board**

April 12, 2010

Minutes

Social Services Board met this date for regular monthly meeting. Members in attendance were Dom D'Ascoli, Wendy Dalton, Mark West and Director/Secretary. Chairman D'Ascoli called meeting to order.

Judy Dodgins addressed the Board regarding a children services case. Director will research case and notify Ms. Dodgins of answers that can be disclosed.

### **Minutes**

Minutes, both Open and Closed Sessions, of the March 17, 2010 board meeting were reviewed and approved on motion of Mark West, second by Wendy Dalton.

### **Financials**

Approval was received to move forward with purchasing computers as detailed in the Capital Improvement Plan for last fiscal year and for this fiscal year. In addition, approval was received to purchase replacement office chairs in this fiscal year, which funding is available and the request will be removed from next fiscal year budget request.

### **Old Business**

Director reported on state's request to expand Food and Nutrition Services to 200% of poverty and to allow for categorically eligible households. Funding has been authorized to support a new Income Maintenance Caseworker for next fiscal year to help with anticipated workload increase. State is unable to provide projections of caseload increase but is simplifying the eligibility process which will offset some of the workload increase. Family of 4 with total gross household income of \$44,140 would be eligible for Food and Nutrition Services. The children in these households would also receive free/reduced school lunches, which schools would receive more Title I funds as a result of having more children on free/reduced lunches.

The Benefit Bank of NC is working with DSS to establish host sites at Senior Services/Community Resource Center, JobLink, CareNet, Angel Medical Center, Medication Assistance Program and the Free Clinic. This screening tool for federal benefits could assist in getting benefits to the eligible expanded Food and Nutrition households more efficiently as well as identify other work support federal benefits. Initial orientation has been completed with training to be provided on April 22 to certify counselors at the authorized host sites.

The DSS Appreciation Luncheon hosted by the Social Services Board was moved from April 21, 2010 to May 3, 2010 to allow for more staff participation.

Brief discussion was held on a new appointment to the DSS Board, replacing Dom D'Ascoli.

**New Business**

Board received letter from the NC Association of County Boards of Social Services on how to access a new resource manual on the NCACBSS website.

**Closed Session**

Wendy Dalton made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters and contracts, Mark West seconded, and motion carried. Board returned from Closed Session.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 26 at 9:00 in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

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Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date