

Macon County Social Services Board

May 26, 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.

Minutes

Minutes, both Open and Closed Sessions, of the April 12, 2010 board meeting were reviewed and approved on motion of Wendy Dalton, second by Mark West.

Financials

Financials for current fiscal year continue close to budgeted amounts. FY '10-'11 budget is still being reviewed by county management and county commissioners. Public Hearing has been delayed until June 7th. The Governor and the Senate have completed their respective recommended budgets for next fiscal year, and House is still working on their version of the budget. Due to the very tight budget year, it is expected the legislature will pass next fiscal year budget before July 4, 2010.

Old Business

New organizational chart was shared with Board.

The Benefit Bank is operating in 5 sites, 2 public sites and 3 sites that provide the service to their regular customers. Press releases on the Benefit Bank services are not yet permitted due to Governor wanting to announce the availability of The Benefit Bank across the state. Once this announcement is made, then numbers are expected to increase. Also with the Food & Nutrition expansion in July, people accessing The Benefit Bank services will increase.

New Business

Director reported on the General Assembly directing the Program Evaluation Division of the NC Legislature to study the consolidation of administrative functions among county departments of social services. Ronnie Beale, Chairman of the Macon County Board of Commissioners is member of and chaired the last meeting of the NC Association of County Commissioners Human Services Steering Committee, which the Program Evaluation Division presented the project planning process. A report on the findings from this process is due to the Legislature in February of 2011.

County is updating the county website. New website should be available by July 1st. Copies of "Understanding National Health Reform: A work in progress" power point developed by NC Institute of Medicine was shared with the Board. Unknowns still exist regarding the impact health care reform will have on departments of social services; however, Medicaid program will be expanded to cover all low-income people under age

65 (including childless adults) with incomes up to 133% of poverty which means there will be increased caseloads when this expansion is implemented.

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, June 23 at 9:00 in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date