

Macon County Social Services Board

November 18, 2009

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 October 21, 2009 board meeting were reviewed and approved on motion of Mark West, second by Wendy Dalton.

Financials

Monthly expenses were slightly above projection due to the third pay period in October. Revenues are below projections due to quarterly allocations and revenue withholding by the state. Most recent information from state fiscal office is counties will receive 100% of the revenues budgeted from the state estimates.

Benefit payment summary reported at last Board meeting was updated. The Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) was not reported under the Energy Assistance category. \$197,141 in heating assistance through Crisis Intervention Program was distributed last fiscal year, bringing the total amount of benefits distributed last fiscal year to \$40,240,816.

Old Business

Due to staff member's critical illness, the IV-E/SSBG audit was delayed. The Child and Family Service Review of child protective services and foster care services is scheduled to begin December 1, 2009. Since the last board meeting, Department was pulled for another significant audit which approximately 60 electronic Medicaid cases and inquiries were mailed for state review according to the Alexander vs. Flaherty Exit Plan. Results of all monitoring will be provided when received.

Heating Assistance programs began November 1 with 134 households receiving \$42,304 in 2 days through the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP). Additional allocation of CIP is expected before the end of the November. 207 applications were approved for Low Income Energy Assistance Payments in addition to the 1362 automatic Food and Nutrition households that were automatically eligible for a check issued in February to assist with cost of winter heating.

New Business

Board members were given a 2 page spreadsheet entitled Medicaid Eligibility-Basic Requirements. This document is updated annually and is an abbreviated summary of basic Medicaid rules for reference.

Brief discussion was held on the new law requiring all elected officials and members of those governing boards to receive ethics education which at this time has been interpreted to not include members of the Social Services Boards.

Board was informed of the Christmas Luncheon to be held on Thursday, December 17 at 12:00. Invitations will be sent to remind Board members.

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 was moved from regular scheduled date of Wednesday, December 16 at 9:00 to Friday, December 11 at 9:00 in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date