

Macon County Social Services Board

June 23, 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 May 26, 2010 board meeting were reviewed and approved on motion of Mark West, second by Wendy Dalton.

Financials

Director updated Board on recent FY '10-'11 county budget developments. County management requested all Departments to determine where cuts could be made which 3 areas were recommended for reduction. Special Assistance will be decreased by \$50,000 due to Grandview Manor's delayed opening of the 30 bed expansion, telephone expenses will be decreased by \$6,000 due to removing a T1 line, and child support salaries were reduced by \$18,000 since experienced staff were not recruited. After these cuts were made, then the county commissioners requested an additional 1% across the board cut be identified, which the vacant foster care social worker position was cut since the foster care load is down from 50 to 30 children and there are special adoption funds to contract for adoptive home studies for the upcoming fiscal year allowing the adoption social worker to perform foster parent work duties. County fiscal year '10-'11 budget was approved. State budget is still pending, which will most likely bring additional funding cuts.

Year end budget for the current fiscal year appears to be very positive. Cathy Makinson, Business Officer, has worked diligently to identify ways to maximize the state and federal funds this past year to realize an enhanced reimbursement for the county.

Old Business

Appreciation was expressed to the Board members for attending the Annual Foster Parent Cookout.

Jim Garner has been appointed to the DSS Board by Board of County Commissioners, replacing Dom D'Ascoli. Mr. Garner is the owner of Wayah Insurance and is very involved in the community, as well as assisting in disaster relief efforts in other areas. A reception was held immediately prior to the board meeting recognizing and honoring Chairman D'Ascoli for his many contributions and his service on the DSS Board for the past 6 years.

New Business

Agency wide meeting, conducted in 2 sessions, was held after the county budget was passed. Staff were advised of budget changes, and were also advised of several programmatic changes occurring on July 1st. Staff were appreciative of the opportunity

to receive information and ask questions. It is unknown what some of the changes will bring but increased work loads are expected in many areas for the upcoming fiscal year. Board was advised of the new county website being launched by the end of June. The information available is more detailed and easier to navigate for the public.

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 tentatively set for Wednesday, July 14, at 9:00 in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date