

Macon County Social Services Board

July 20, 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, open and closed sessions, of the June 17, 2009 board meeting were approved on motion of Mark West and second by Wendy Dalton.

Financials

Year end close out for last fiscal year will be available by end of September. Tentative calculations show revenues over budget and expenses under budget. State budget for current fiscal year is still pending.

Old Business

Board was updated on Senior Services new facility. A fall opening is hopeful given the renovations remaining to be completed.

The Food and Nutrition Management Review findings were received. The state did cite 1 error for overdue processing of 1 expedited case, which was .2% overdue and there is zero tolerance or 100% compliance in this category. Plan of correction is additional second party reviews to be completed and Supervisor/Team Leader reviewing application logs to determine all qualified applicants receive benefits within timeframes with no exceptions.

State budget uncertainty has resulted in delayed financial payments to some recipients. Funding authorizations for Block Grants were released at 84% of total funding levels and will be allocated on a quarterly basis.

Work First Electing County Hold Harmless provision in the state budget is still being considered according to our legislative delegation. 7 counties- Beaufort, Caldwell, Catawba, Jones, Lincoln, Macon and Wilson- remain electing counties at this time. Iredell chose to return to Standard County designation due to state requiring that SSI income be excluded for Work First eligibility.

New Business

Medicaid Snapshot for 2008 was released detailing specific information on Medicaid services provided to Macon County citizens. Error on total population for the 2007 Medicaid Snapshot that was reported to DMA was never corrected but total county population for Macon County was correct in the 2008 Snapshot.

Board members received information on the New DSS Board Member Training to be held in Asheville on September 11 at UNC Asheville. All board members have already attended this orientation session.

New organizational charts were presented and discussed. Board members requested additional updated information for Board Books.

Safety training was provided by WCU for all staff who wished to participate which approximately 90% of the DSS staff attended. Macon County News article was published on the safety training sessions.

Closed Session

Board went into Closed Session on motion of Mark West and second by Wendy Dalton to discuss personnel, contracts and confidential case information. Board returned from Closed Session.

Next Meeting

Board was scheduled to meet on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date