

Macon County Social Services Board

August 18, 2010

Minutes

Social Services Board met this date for regular monthly meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Wendy Dalton. Members in attendance were Wendy Dalton, Mark West, Jim Garner and Director/Secretary.

Minutes

Minutes, both Open and Closed Sessions, of the July 14, 2010 board meeting were reviewed and approved on motion of Mark West, second by Jim Garner.

Financials

Monthly financials were briefly reviewed. Year end close out report was delayed due to state not finalizing reconciliation of last fiscal year reimbursement reports.

Old Business

Food and Nutrition article in The Franklin Press was shared with board members. 38% in applications was noted in applications received the first 3 weeks of July 2010 as compared to applications received the first 3 weeks of July 2009. Applications continue to increase. Benefits approved may only be a few dollars, but children in approved FNS households received free lunch school lunches, household can receive a telephone waiver for basic landline services and household may automatically be approved for heating assistance.

Board members were given the DSS Board Members Handbook published by the School of Government. This handbook outlines duties and responsibilities of board members and provides the basic content for orienting a new board member, as well as a good resource guide for experienced board members.

Brief update given on Child Support Services transition. State support team has advised that the agents have progressed well, and on site state support will not be needed after August 31st. 2 child support court sessions have gone well with approximately 50 cases in each session being processed very efficiently. Brief discussion was held on child support guidelines.

New Business

Brief update given on recent storms that impacted area. Building was evacuated due to a lightning strike that caused suspicious burning odor and subsequent electrical system failure. Fire Department was called as precautionary measure.

3 state audits have recently been scheduled, Special Assistance, Work First and Social Services Block Grant. Audit findings will be reported to Board.

Social Services Board Members Association will be providing input to the NC Association of County Directors of Social Services on advocacy issues for the upcoming

legislative session. A 3 member consortium involving the Board Members Association, the Directors Association, and the Social Services Association work together to hire a lobbyist to address an adopted consortium legislative agenda.

Closed Session

Mark West made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss confidential case information, personnel matters and contracts, Jim Garner seconded, and motion carried. Board returned from Closed Session.

Next Meeting

Next meeting was set for Monday, September 13 at 9:00 in the DSS Administrative Conference Room. Notices will be posted of this change in meeting date.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date