

## **Macon County Social Services Board**

August 25, 2009

Minutes

Social Services Board met this date for regular monthly meeting. This meeting was rescheduled from originally scheduled meeting date of August 19, 2009. Members in attendance were Dom D'Ascoli, Wendy Dalton, Mark West and Director/Secretary. Gwen Taylor, Social Worker IAT, presented to Board a pictorial staff directory she had developed. Mrs. Taylor is also a professional photographer and volunteered her talents to develop this resource for the Board. Board was very appreciative of having this directory.

Chairman D'Ascoli called meeting to order.

### **Minutes**

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

### **Financials**

Cathy Makinson, Business Officer, presented the county fiscal year end close out, which detailed a net county savings of \$168,000. This savings did not include the Medicaid savings, and was realized by recouping more revenues than projected and closely monitoring expenses. Board expressed appreciation for excellent financial results during a very tight budget. The state year to date close out will be presented in September.

### **Old Business**

Financial impacts from passage of the state budget on the current county budget are still being assessed. Governor Purdue ordered additional 5% budget reduction in some areas after General Assembly finally passed the state budget. Numbers of new applications continue at steady pace. Director met with all staff about budget impact and increased workload concerns. Staff were thanked for hard work to meet continual demands with limited resources and were encouraged to identify any additional efficiencies throughout the fiscal year.

### **New Business**

Board briefly reviewed required forms for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) application to receive funding in support of the Senior Services Adult Day Care Center. Mark West made motion to approve CACFP forms and application, Wendy Dalton seconded and motion carried.

Director shared recent Foster Parent article written by Linsey Wisdom with the Macon County News. 2 DSS licensed foster parents were interviewed which they shared a very realistic view of being a foster parent and how the focus is to reunite children with their families when possible.

Director informed Board the DSS Leadership Team and a Standards of Behavior Work Group are updating the DSS mission statement and developing value statements which will be shared with the Board at the October Board meeting.

**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 Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 9:00 in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

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Chairman/Date

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Secretary/Date