

Macon County Social Services Board

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order. Members attending were Anne Hyder, Dale West, Mike Williams, Patrick Betancourt (Executive Officer and Secretary to the Board), Beneth Aiken, and Amy Sanderfur. Guest in attendance was Ashlyn Shockley.

Proposed Agenda

Agenda was approved on motion of Dale West and second by Mike Williams.

Minutes

April minutes were approved on motion of Mike Williams and second by Anne Hyder.

Fiscal Update

Amy Sanderfur and Patrick Betancourt presented contract list for FY24-25 with brief explanation of each contract and its scope. Questions were fielded from the Board, and the contract list was officially endorsed on motion of Dale West and second by Ann Hyder.

Permanency Planning/Foster Care Presentation

Ashlyn Shockley, Permanency Planning Social Worker, gave a detailed overview of the Permanency Planning, aka Foster Care, program. She explained how Foster Care works and the various steps and paths taken in the process, including Social Worker responsibilities, documentation required, resource management, and the importance of relationship with all parties, from children to biological parents to foster families to community members.

Board Member Selection Discussion

In-depth discussion was held regarding the upcoming resignation of Board Member Dale West effective 06/30/2024, and the subsequent need for the Board to select her replacement. Her position is a Board-appointed seat. Potential candidates were mentioned, with contact to be made as early as this meeting date with one individual to assess their interest. Board members and Patrick Betancourt will communicate via email ahead of next monthly meeting to be prepared for next steps.

Personnel Updates/Agency Exits

Beneth Aiken shared personnel updates, including a new Child Support Agent starting 05/20/2024 and a new Social Work Supervisor II starting 06/03/2024. Also a CPS Social Worker moving into APS effective 05/20/2024 and a Medicaid Team Lead being promoted to Income Maintenance Supervisor II as of 05/20/2024. Two departures from the Agency as of 05/17/2024 include Sergio Falconi who resigned to move to Wayne County, and Lisa Henry who retires after 32 ½ years of service to the people of Macon County. One additional resignation has been received from a Medicaid Caseworker who will be leaving to work at Western Carolina University's library. A pre-disciplinary conference with a career-status employee will take place the afternoon of this meeting date, with the potential of for termination.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Next meeting will be rescheduled due to a conflict; date that works for all will be communicated via email.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting made by Dale West and second by Ann Hyder.

APPROVED BY:


Executive Officer/Secretary

06-27-2024

Date

Chairman

 6/27/24

Date