



Macon County Social Services Board

Friday, Nov. 15, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order. Members in attendance included Mike Williams, Anne Hyder, Cara Smith, Patrick Betancourt (Executive Officer and Secretary to the Board), Beneth Aiken, and Lynne Kurimay.

Proposed Agenda

Proposed Agenda was approved on motion of Anne Hyder and second by Mike Williams.

Minutes

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

Financial Update/Energy Assistance Update

Lynne Kurimay reported that the second upload was successfully completed. She gave further explanation of the funding code process and how it relates to daysheets. Patrick gave an update on the Crisis Energy program. Due to our area experiencing unseasonably warmer temperatures over the past month, we have not had to utilize much funding from the Crisis Energy program. However, our department continues to evaluate any immediate crisis needs. Patrick and Lynne answered questions regarding the Crisis Energy process.

General Agency Updates and SFY 2025-2026 Budget Discussion

Patrick reported that he has had regular communication with DHHS regarding D-SNAP and disaster relief. He states that we are looking at future partnerships with counties in the eastern part of the state in order to help support each other better. Patrick will be speaking at the upcoming Currituck County Board of County Commissioner's meeting to thank them for their assistance to Macon County Social Services during D-SNAP operations. Patrick discussed that the upcoming budget will include several key leadership position vacancies. Patrick answered questions regarding the Senior Services building needs.

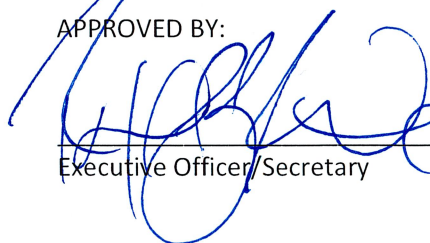
Personnel Update/Agency Exits Data

Beneth Aiken shared personnel updates. There were two departures from the agency: Amy Hernandez left the agency and Melissa Kleman transferred to Macon County Transit. There was one promotion within the agency: Bettina Graffunder to Social Worker II. The agency welcomed Holly Bowick and Horace Braswell to the Medicaid unit. The agency welcomed Mary Prescott and Jane Craven to the Social Work unit. There were no personnel changes at Senior Services.

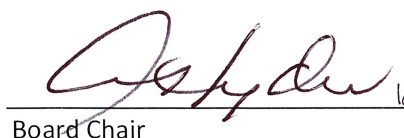
Motion to move into closed session was made by Cara Smith, seconded by Mike Williams.

Motion to return from closed session was made by Anne Hyder, seconded by Cara Smith with no further action taken by the Board. A motion to adjourn the meeting was then made by Mike Williams, seconded by Cara Smith.

APPROVED BY:


Executive Officer/Secretary

Dec. 20, 2024
Date


Board Chair

12-20-2024
Date