



## **Macon County Social Services Board**

Friday, Oct. 25, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes

### **Welcome/Call to Order**

Patrick Betancourt called the re-scheduled meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order. The meeting was moved from Friday, Oct. 18, 2024 to accommodate the first day of D-SNAP. Members in attendance included Mike Williams, Anne Hyder, Patrick Betancourt (Executive Officer and Secretary to the Board), Beneth Aiken, and Lynne Kurimay. Cara Smith was not present due to an excused absence.

### **Proposed Agenda**

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

### **Minutes**

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

### **Financial/Budget Update**

Patrick and Lynne provided day sheet coding information related to how the employees capture their work time during disaster relief. Lynne reports that she receives ongoing communication from the state and passes it on to the staff. This allows us to capture and draw down funds to help cover the additional time spent working on D-SNAP and the Disaster Collection/Distribution Center. There were 25 North Carolina counties that fell under *the Individual Assistance* portion of the Governor's State of Emergency declaration in which disaster coding can be captured. Additionally, there are some counties that can be designated as "mutual-aid" counties in webEOC. For example, Currituck County offered to partner with Macon County to help with keying some of the D-SNAP applications. This has been a tremendous help to our staff. Lynne Kurimay also gave the Board an update on her new role, her success with her first solo monthly upload, success and the on-going support from both Amy Sanderfur and Cathy Makinson. Patrick also briefly spoke about the upcoming energy season and how that will become a fiscal focus in the months ahead with Cathy providing additional support as well.

### **Hurricane Helene Disaster Collection / Distribution Center and D-SNAP Update**

Patrick shared the D-SNAP information flyer and graph with the Board. He gave further explanation of the process and the steps involved to completion. This is the first time for D-SNAP to run here in Macon County. He added that we have until November 1<sup>st</sup> to clear the queue of all of the applications and he is confident we will be able to have it done before that deadline. Patrick gave an update on the assistance FEMA is providing the community and on the Distribution Center.


### **Personnel Update/Agency Exits Data**


Beneth Aiken shared personnel updates. There were no departures from the agency. There was one promotion within the agency: Maureen Pruett to Social Worker III. The agency welcomed Brian Cox and Candy Weirick to the Adult Medicaid unit. There were no personnel changes at Senior Services. Patrick also pointed out that there has not been an agency departure since prior to the August Board meeting and shared the personnel exit numbers.

Motion to move into closed session was made by Anne Hyder, seconded by Mike Williams.

Motion to return from closed session and adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Williams, seconded by Anne Hyder.

APPROVED BY:

  
Executive Officer/Secretary      Nov. 15, 2024  
Date

  
Board Chair      11-15-24  
Date