

Macon County Social Services Board

December 21, 2011

Minutes

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Wendy Dalton. In attendance were Wendy Dalton, Jim Garner, Dinah Mashburn and Jane Kimsey.

Minutes

Open and Closed Session Minutes of the November 16, 2011 Board meeting were reviewed. Name change was made to the Open Minutes. Open Minutes with amendment and Closed Session Minutes were approved on motion of Dinah Mashburn, second by Jim Garner.

Financials

Monthly financials were within budgeted amounts, with no reportable deviances. Crisis Intervention Program funds have been expended, and will be rebalanced at the beginning of 2012. Low Income Energy Assistance Program has approximately \$5,500 remaining. If any of these funds remain at the end of January, then the program will be opened to disabled adults that do not receive services through DSS and families with children. There is a chance that the long anticipated TANF funding cut will not be as significant this fiscal year which could result in funding for the Emergency Assistance Program.

Program Reports

Monthly program reports for Medicaid and Food and Nutrition Services were reviewed. Recent N C Justice Brief was shared that detailed the % of Food Stamp participation change in each county from September 2007 to September 2011, which Macon County's % of change was 159.6%, one of the highest in the state. This report also showed the % of change in the unemployment rate for the same period, which Macon's % of change was 194.1%, the third highest in the state. The annual point in time program caseload growth analysis report was reviewed by the board, which members offered input on additional data to be gathered for the report.

Old Business

Director updated Board on the Work Support Strategies initiative. A statewide Leadership Summit has been planned for January 2012 to bring local leaders in each local DSS together to plan for the changes in economic services and children services. Director and Sheila Conley, Income Maintenance Supervisor II will be attending this summit.

Proposed consolidation of human services legislation was recently considered in a N C Legislation Mini Session held in November. It is anticipated that this legislation will be passed within the next few months.

The Macon County Work First Electing County Plan for 2012-2014 submitted to the state in September was reviewed by various state agencies which generated a list of recommended changes/clarifications. Plan was revised to meet the requested changes/clarifications that were minor not resulting in any changes to

policies/procedures. Board of County Commissioners approved changes to plan at their recent December meeting. Dinah Mashburn made motion to approve the revised 2012-2014 Work First Electing County Plan. Jim Garner seconded and motion carried.

New Business

Additional \$6,000 in TANF Domestic Violence allocation from the state has been received. Request was made to increase the Vendor Agreement with REACH to reflect this additional \$6,000, to be spent on domestic violence clients as defined in the original agreement. Dinah Mashburn made motion to approve request as presented. Jim Garner seconded. Motion carried.

Closed Session

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

Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date