

Macon County Social Services Board

January 21, 2015

Minutes

Call to Order

Dinah Mashburn called meeting to order. Members in attendance were Dinah Mashburn, Chair, Jim Garner and Lisa Leatherman. Also attending was Jane Kimsey, Director and Secretary to Board.

Minutes

Open Session and Closed Session Minutes of the December 17 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Lisa Leatherman and second by Jim Garner.

Financials

Monthly financials for December were provided in Board book.

Report was given on Crisis and Low Income Energy Assistance expenditures.

TANF Cash Savings is projected to be approximately \$50,000 more than originally anticipated, projected to be \$150,000 for this fiscal year. Plan to utilize these funds will be presented at next Board meeting for Board approval.

Program Reports

Lisa Hilliard, SWS III, presented the FY 14-15 program performance report for Adult and Family Services. Children in foster care on June 30th were 45, which currently there are 36 children in foster care. Length in foster care appears to be increasing due to the legal process and appeals. Currently there are 19 families in the foster parent training to become licensed foster parents. There were 108 Adult Protective Services (APS) reports, with 36 accepted for investigation according to state policies, and 39 of the screened out reports receiving outreach services. 75 of the 108 individuals reported for APS received some level of intervention. Financial exploitation reports have increased due to new financial institutions reporting requirements. Guardianship cases are increasing primarily due to behavioral or mental health issues which the ARC of NC is contracted to provide guardianship services for this segment of the guardianship cases.

Old Business

Developmental Associates timeline and process for the DSS Director position search was briefly updated.

Remaining program allocations for energy assistance were updated. \$26,890 remains in Crisis Intervention Program and \$46,437 remains in Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

Medicaid Transportation Program audit compliance initiatives continue, with the goal of having all cases in compliance by March 31st. 100% verification on Medicaid trips have to be entered according to the rules that were effective through December 31, 2014, but the rule is now 10% pre and 10% post verification which will significantly reduce time spent on verifying trips.

Multi-Ethnic Placement Plan that was previously reviewed by the Board was approved with suggested modifications on the motion of Dinah Mashburn and second by Lisa Leatherman.

New Business

February and April Board meeting dates were changed due to conflicts. February DSS Board will meet on Tuesday, February 17 at 9:00 and the April DSS Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22 at 9:00.

The November 2014 Point In Time Report was provided to the Board. There was a 9% decrease in the number of Food and Nutrition Households with a corresponding 9% decrease in the number of Food and Nutrition Recipients over November of 2013. Food and Nutrition Benefits decreased by 10% the same points in time. The number of Family and Children Medicaid recipients increased by 1 % and the number of Adult Medicaid/Special Assistance Recipients decreased by 1% in November 2014 compared to November 2013. Medicaid benefits were not available due to NC FAST/NC Health Tracks.

Board members were informed of the Influenza Epidemic at Grandview Manor and the Department's role as the licensure authority in monitoring and assisting the Health Department with mitigating the flu outbreak.

Director presented at the Board of County Commissioner Budget Preparation Session on January 20th. County Manager had requested presentation be on the successes of the NC FAST rollout and the Social Worker document management/mobility rollout. Board was very complimentary of the successes experienced locally where many counties have not been successful in meeting the deadlines for processing applications and recertifications due to NC FAST rollout.

Closed Session

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

Next Meeting

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

APPROVED BY:

Dinah Mashburn 2-24-15
Chairman/Date

Jane C. Kinsey 2/24/15
Secretary/Date