

Macon County Social Services Board

April 20, 2023

Minutes

Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order. Members attending were Dale West, Evelyn Southard, Amy Sanderfur, DSS employee to observe, Page McCurry/HR, Patrick Betancourt, and Cathy Makinson, Business Officer designated to record minutes. Anne Hyder was out of town and had sent her regrets.

Agenda was approved on motion of Dale West and second by Evelyn Southard.

Minutes

March minutes were approved on motion of Evelyn Southard, second by Dale West.

Budget/Fiscal Monitoring/County Audit

Budget Officer, Cathy Makinson, gave a recap on the meeting Patrick, Amy Sanderfur and she had with County Manager, Derek Roland, and County Finance Officer, Lori Carpenter, as well as Lindsay Leopard of County Finance. Cathy explained overall DSS Budget request with a special critical ask to hire the Economic Services Training/QC position as soon as possible that had been submitted in current year budget but not included. Patrick and Cathy gave update on Medicaid Expansion passing legislature, signed by governor and will be implemented with the passing of the state budget. Cathy explained the need for a trainer now in preparation of this transition as well as the need currently with so many newer Medicaid workers and the reality of the length of time it takes to be qualified to process applications. In speaking with Derek, the request for 3 Medicaid workers in the FY 24 budget was presented in anticipation of the increased caseload. Patrick explained the information Directors have received of the 100% reimbursement of salary and benefits of these workers as well as equipment and possibly cost of space as a part of the Federal incentive for NC to expand Medicaid. Derek was supportive and asked Patrick to present to the County Commissioners' at their April 11th meeting. At that meeting, motion was made to establish this new position unanimously by County Commissioners. Derek also mentioned to the CC Board that DSS will also be asking for 3 positions in the new budget.

State Fiscal monitoring took place on April 18th with no findings. Single County Audit is scheduled for May 3-5, 2023.

Board Member Term Expiring

Patrick reminded the Board that Evelyn Southard's second term on the DSS Board will be expiring in June and a replacement approved by the Social Services Commission is needed. Board discussed several options and contact will be made with a couple individuals to see if they are interested and available to serve.

Senior Services Volunteer Appreciation.

Page invited the Board to come early next month at 8:30am, to attend the appreciation breakfast the day of the next Board meeting May 18, 2023. Notice will be posted of the meeting location change. Patrick invited the DSS Board to the Volunteer Appreciation Event at Senior Services later today.

Personnel Updates/Turnover Rate

Page informed the Board of the internal hiring of Amy Sanderfur as an Administrative Officer II to replace Cathy Makinson who is retiring in June and also that Lynne Kurimay has been hired to move into Amy's Administrative Assistant II leadership position. Page informed the Board that we currently have a HIGHTS intern from the LBJ Job Corps who is assisting the front clerical unit. With the hiring of Lynn

to the AA II position, we have a vacancy in the SW II Intake position, an IMC II position and the front reception switchboard position. Decision had been made to delay interviews and hiring of the clerical position until Amy Sanderfur's replacement had been chosen. The new IM Trainer position has just posted internally for five days.

Closed Session

No closed session this month.

Next Meeting

Next month's meeting will be changed to the Senior Services building with the meeting beginning at regular time, 9am, with staff appreciation breakfast beginning at 8:30am. Motion to adjourn made by Evelyn Southard, second by Dale West. .

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date