

Macon County Social Services Board

May 15, 2013

Minutes

Call to Order

Dinah Mashburn called meeting to order. Members in attendance were Dinah Mashburn, Chair, and Jim Garner. Also attending was Jane Kimsey, Director and Secretary to Board. Board member Jeff King was unable to attend due to an unavoidable commitment.

Minutes

Open and Closed Session Minutes of the April 17, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Jim Garner, second by Dinah Mashburn.

Financials

TANF cash savings remaining to be spent has been estimated at \$100,000.

Recommendation was made to replace 2 or 3 vehicles that have over 100,000 miles for long distance travel and for transporting foster children. Charity Tracker was purchased for networking local assistance agencies and additional computers to support NC FAST Medicaid implementation are being purchased. Kiosks were purchased to support applications both onsite and offsite for Medicaid and Health Care Marketplace.

List of proposed contracts for next fiscal year was presented and was approved on motion of Jim Garner, second by Dinah Mashburn.

Program Reports

Program reports were deferred to the next board meeting.

Old Business

Brief updates given regarding Health Care Reform implementation. Many unknowns continue in regard to exactly what role DSS will serve in the seamless, no wrong door approach to accessing health care for the uninsured population that does not qualify for Medicaid.

New Business

Changes to the local Adoption Policy were recommended due to the SSBG funding cut which has primarily funded adoption services in the past. Recommendation was made to increase fees based on cost of service with sliding fee scale to accommodate low income families. Jim Garner made motion to approve recommended policy effective June 1, 2013, and Dinah Mashburn seconded. Motion carried. Amended policy is attached. Board was informed of changes to the Work First policies that will impact Electing Counties. Administrative letter detailing changes has not yet been received, but it is understood that the changes being implemented will not require a new plan for Board of County Commissioner approval since changes are imminent.

Legislative Education Week was very productive and presented opportunity to meet with not only local Senator but also other Senators and House Representatives to advocate for maintaining federal funding for core services.

Leadership Team attended the Chick-fil-A Leadership Cast at the Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts. The theme of “Simply Lead” gave great insights as DSS faces unprecedented, but welcomed, changes over the next few months. Everyone thought this year’s session was better than last year, and hope is that Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts will continue to offer this invaluable local opportunity for leadership growth.

Closed Session

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

Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 19 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date