

Macon County Social Services Board

January 20, 2010

Minutes

Social Services Board met this date for regular monthly meeting. Members in attendance were Dom D'Ascoli, Wendy Dalton, Mark West and Director/Secretary. Chairman D'Ascoli called meeting to order.

Minutes

Minutes, both Open and Closed Sessions, of the December 11, 2009 board meeting were reviewed and approved on motion of Mark West, second by Wendy Dalton.

Financials

Monthly financials were briefly reviewed. State fiscal condition continues to be of concern with additional cuts currently being identified.

Old Business

Due to potential funding cuts, the decision was made to hold the Social Worker II position open. The foster parent recruitment, training and monitoring duties of this position will be completed by the adoption social worker, with the adoption social worker duties being outsourced until more is known about potential budget cuts.

Senior Services Open House that was postponed for the second time due to snow, will be rescheduled in the spring. Board members were invited to the Senior Services signing of the Our Commitment display board on January 21 at 8:15 with a breakfast following the signing.

Caseload increases were briefly discussed, with economic services requests continuing to rise.

Board recessed meeting to join staff in the DSS lobby for the signing of the Our Commitment display board which will be posted in lobby.

Board reconvened meeting.

New Business

Modification to the Adoption Policy was requested. Sentence was requested to be added under the Independent Adoptions Section which reads: "If only one or two of the above services are requested/required for an adoption proceeding, then a minimal fee of \$200.00 will be charged". Mark West made motion to amend adoption policy as requested, Wendy Dalton seconded and motion carried.

Director advised Board that Senior Services had developed a plan to use the 65% congregate meals and the 35% home delivered meals stimulus funds to purchase frozen meals for seniors to have available in their homes. These meals can be used for dinner and/or when meals cannot be provided due to bad weather. All recipients of the frozen meals will receive a letter stating these meals are only being provided with stimulus funds which will end June 30, 2010.

N C Association of County Commissioners is publishing an article in their monthly publication, County Lines on the increased demands on DSS due to the economy. Article specifically highlights the Food and Nutrition Program. Copy will be provided to Board members.

\$40,000 additional Crisis Intervention Program funds to assist with heating crisis have been received.

Closed Session

Wendy Dalton made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters and contracts, Mark West seconded, and motion carried. Board returned from Closed Session.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17th at 9:00 in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date