

Macon County Social Services Board

November 17, 2022

Minutes

Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order. Members in attendance were: Evelyn Southard, Anne Hyder, Patrick Betancourt and Page McCurry, Human Services Planner/Evaluator.

Agenda

Proposed November Meeting Agenda was approved on motion of Anne Hyder and second by Evelyn Southard.

Minutes

October Minutes were approved on motion of Evelyn Southard and second by Anne Hyder.

Financials

Director, Patrick Betancourt, updated the Board on the year end financials. Patrick noted that for close out analysis of the 2022 fiscal year the projected expenses were \$6.4M and the actual expenses were \$6.3M. Patrick also reported to the Board that the projected revenues for 2022 fiscal year were \$4.1M and the actual revenues were \$4.5M. Patrick stated that the projected operating costs were \$2.3M and the actual operating costs were \$1.7M. Approximately \$556K in County savings was noted by Patrick. The significant percentage of financial savings, 24%, was from Foster Care and Special Assistance program areas. Patrick noted that these program areas are challenging to budget. Patrick also reported that the Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation program has greatly benefited from the addition of a dedicated individual to manage the program since 2016. Patrick explained to the Board that the largest expected financial impacts moving into future fiscal years include the 75/25 Medicaid Claiming and Medicaid Expansion. HHS provided a budget infusion this fiscal year to correct budget shortfalls associated with 75/25 Medicaid claiming changes. Patrick explained that preliminary Medicaid Expansion analysis includes an additional \$200K per year in Medicaid Administration claims and a 31% increase in Medicaid caseload for Macon County. Due to this increase in eligibility, Patrick has made it known to County Administration that the department will likely need additional positions to avoid costly paybacks.

IV-E Adoption Assistance Appeal Update

Patrick informed the Board that he and Cathy Makinson met with County Manager Derek Roland and County Finance Officer Lori Hall recently regarding the IV-E Adoption Assistance Appeal. The meeting resulted in guidance from Lori to pay the penalty with available funding from this fiscal year's budget. Patrick briefly discussed how staff has made corrections to the IV-E Adoption Assistance case per DHHS correspondence. Patrick also indicated to the Board that he has requested the department be held harmless after October due to the State timelines for processing the corrected documentation.

Personnel Updates

Page McCurry delivered the personnel updates. These included a decision to onboard a foster care social worker leaving one social work vacancy in child protective services. The update also included the decision to onboard a processing assistant to the clerical team. The turnover rate for fiscal year 2022-2023 is currently at 10% and there are no vacant positions at Senior Services.

Closed Session

Patrick Betancourt requested a motion to move into closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.11(a)(6). Request was approved on motion of Anne Hyder and second by Evelyn Southard.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is proposed for Friday, December 16, 2022, at 10:30am in the Administrative Conference Room at the Human Services Building.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman | Date

Secretary | Date