

June 20, 2007
Franklin, NC 28734

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

Minutes of the May 16, 2007 Board meeting, both Open Session and Closed Session, were approved on motion of Mark West and second by Wendy Dalton.

Financials were updated. Both revenue and expenditure line items are within budgeted amounts. Macon County was able to tap into \$41,509 of the \$27.4 million state Medicaid cap allocation for the current fiscal year. Secretary reported the 07-08 fiscal year budget was approved by County Commissioners as recommended and approved by the DSS Board and County Management.

Board went into Closed Session to discuss personnel and contracts on motion of Dom D'Ascoli and second by Mark West. Board returned from Closed Session.

Secretary shared a copy of a joint letter from Tom McDevitt, Director of Smoky Mountain Mental Health and Secretary advocating for a adolescent mental health residential facility based on the demand for either a Level IV or Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) in the far west. This letter was sent to both the state division of Mental Health and Senator John Snow as an effort to utilize the vacant group home located adjacent to Health and DSS building for the original purpose that it was constructed.

Update was given on the Macon County Prescription Drug Discount Card that is administered through National Association of Counties (NACO) and Caremark. For 5 weeks of operation, 203 Macon County residents have received 284 prescriptions realizing a total savings of \$3,671. Board noted that this savings will only increase with time and as more people utilize the cards. Update will be given after 6 months of operations, and a media release for further community awareness will be generated at that time.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date