

Macon County Social Services Board

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order. Members attending were Anne Hyder, Dale West, Mike Williams, Patrick Betancourt (Executive Officer and Secretary to the Board), and Amy Sanderfur. Beneth Aiken was excused in her absence. Guests in attendance were Cathy Makinson and Angel Potter.

Proposed Agenda

Agenda was approved on motion of Dale West and second by Anne Hyder.

Minutes

February minutes were approved on motion of Mike Williams and second by Anne Hyder.

Fiscal Update

Cathy Makinson provided an Energy update, including notice of LIEAP program's season being ended (officially March 31, 2024), with a total of \$216,000 having been expended. Crisis program remains open, with \$63,000 expended so far this season, with approximately \$40,000 still available.

Cathy Makinson presented the FY24-25 budget to the Board, highlighting changes from last year's budget, including notable increases (such as long-term employee retirement, turnover in high salary areas, reclassifying several positions, kinship cost of care payments, etc. as well as some decreases. Patrick Betancourt offered elaboration as questions were asked.

Budget presentation was approved on motion of Dale West and second by Anne Hyder.

Food & Nutrition Services Presentation

Angel Potter gave a detailed overview of the Food & Nutrition Services (FNS formerly, Food Stamps) program, of which she is the Team Lead. This included description of the team members as well as the scope of their work. Board members were encouraged to ask questions to help them understand the scope of this area of the Agency.

Personnel Updates/Agency Exits

Patrick Betancourt shared personnel updates, including one new Permanency Planning Social Worker, one new Child Protective Services Social Worker, and one new Adult Medicaid Caseworker. One current Intake Caseworker will be transitioning to FNS in April, after completing training of her replacement. This results in two open positions in Child Support; however, one of those positions will be requested to be reclassified to Social Worker II Licensing and Adoption position in the coming fiscal year. Senior Services has two open positions, both of which had interviews conducted this day.

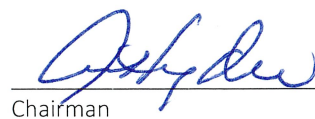
Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Next meeting remains as scheduled, Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 9:00am.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting made by Mike Williams, second by Dale West.

APPROVED BY:


Executive Officer/Secretary Apr. 18, 2024
Date

 4/18/24
Chairman Date