Macon County Social Services Board

October 15, 2014 Minutes

Call to Order

Dinah Mashburn called meeting to order. Members in attendance were Dinah Mashburn, Chair, Jim Garner and Lisa Leatherman. Also attending was Jane Kimsey, Director and Secretary to Board.

Minutes

Open Session and Closed Session Minutes of the September 23, 2014 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Jim Garner, second by Lisa Leatherman.

Financials

Monthly financials for September were provided in Board book.

Angel Medical Center Contract did not have to be amended to hire the additional Income Maintenance Caseworker to expand delivery of Medicaid eligibility services at the hospital. Enhanced 25% federal reimbursement provided 2 caseworkers at no county cost.

Program Reports

Sheila Conley, IMS II, presented FY 2013-2014 Medicaid Performance Report. Overall Medicaid for both Family and Children's Medicaid and Adult Medicaid decreased over prior fiscal year primarily due to combining the Medicaid cases under NC FAST.

Old Business

District Attorney's office has requested additional information on the Food and Nutrition Case referred for prosecution the end of September.

Franklin House is scheduled to open the first of November with approximately 20 residents being admitted. Some of these residents are being relocated back to their home County of Macon from other Meridian Services facilities in surrounding counties.

NC FAST hard launch will be first Monday in November, and is anticipated to be much smoother transition than the last hard launch.

Work First Electing County plan is still pending with state DSS. A verbal request was made to clarify the intent of paying vendors directly for services rather than paying the recipients monthly after meeting performance goals.

Northwoods implementation in Social Work Services is progressing smoothly. Minor adjustments continue to this document management system to ensure peak performance. Social Workers have been pleased with efficiencies of the system in that they can work on their iPads doing documentation during any offsite down time such as waiting to testify in court.

Child Care Subsidy rule changes continue to have impact on families. Changes have most impacted children in Wrap Around Child Care Program at MPP Head Start and VIP

After School Care. Definition of family and countable income changes will be made January 1, 2015 which will further impact recipients of subsidized child care.

New Business

CareNet is hosting a community dialogue to better plan for the future needs of members of the community. DSS will participate, as well as other service agencies, churches and community members.

Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) will begin November 3 and Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will begin December 1. CIP allocation was \$140,122 and LIEAP allocation was \$210,532.

Medicaid Transportation Audit draft report from May 2014 has been received. Appears that Macon County continued to experience errors in areas where errors were noted in the May 2013 report. Due to reoccurring errors there may be a county fiscal pay back. More detailed information should be available at the next DSS Board meeting.

Closed Session

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

Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 19 at 10:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date Secretary/Date Kenniey 11/24/14