Macon County Social Services Board

November 19, 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 October 15, 2014 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved with corrected typos on motion of Lisa Leatherman, second by Jim Garner.

Financials

Monthly financials for October were provided in Board book.

Due to increased demand for guardianships, The Arc of NC contract was requested to be amended to add 3 additional guardianship slots at an increased cost of \$3,625, bringing the new contract total to \$13,857 for this fiscal year. Jim Garner made motion to approve contract amendment, Lisa Leatherman seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Program Reports

Sheila Conley, IMS II, presented FY 2013-2014 Performance Report for Food/Nutrition Services (FNS), Energy Assistance, Subsidized Child Care, Program Integrity and Child Support Services. FNS cases decreased slightly, 4.19%, and benefits decreased by 3.75% to \$8,834,211. Energy Assistance provided help with heating to 841 households under Low Income Energy Assistance Program and 549 households under Crisis Intervention Program. Subsidized Child Care provided assistance to 287 families with 403 children in the amount of \$1,292,721. Program Integrity program only had 35 cases opened last fiscal year, which that number has already been exceeded this fiscal year with a full time Program Integrity Investigator. Lastly, Child Support Enforcement met all of the federal and state benchmarks, and was ranked as #1 in overall County Child Support Programs Performance for FY 12-13 in the NC General Assembly Program Evaluation Division (PED).

Old Business

NC FAST hard launch has been very successful primarily due to monthly recertifications being worked in advance and entered into the old EIS system prior to hard launch. Recent state report showed numbers of rollover Medicaid recertifications by individual counties and only 1 county did not have any rollover recerts, Macon County. Board congratulated staff on continued high level of performance.

Department has received 12 Medicaid applications via the Affordable Care Act Federally Facilitated Marketplace since open enrollment started, approximately 3 days ago.

Successful rollout of Northwoods system in Social Work Services will be finalized by the end of November. Social Workers continue to find advantages and time savings IN this new document management system.

Medicaid Transportation Audit findings will have more impact than originally reported. Based on the county having recurring errors and monetary findings, a more in depth review will be conducted including a bigger sample size, probably within the next 6 months. All current Medicaid Transportation cases are being scanned into the Northwoods system, which will be utilized to better manage this program to prevent future audit findings.

LIEAP allocation was cut by \$11,895 to \$198,637. This heating assistance program begins December 1, with same target population of elderly and disabled receiving services through DSS.

New Business

Board approved the inclusion of Medicaid in the Macon County DSS Program Integrity Policy on motion of Dinah Mashburn, second by Jim Garner. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee smoking policy was revised to exclude the use of all tobacco products, including E-cigarettes or any other type of tobacco derived products, within 50 feet of Macon County Department of Social Services premises or in any county owned vehicle. Dinah Mashburn made motion to amend employee smoking policy, Lisa Leatherman seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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

Board returned from Closed Session and due to time constraints, Board scheduled a continuation meeting for Tuesday, November 25 at 2:00 pm in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

APPROVED BY:

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