

## **Macon County Social Services Board**

September 17, 2015

Minutes

### **Call to Order**

Dinah Mashburn called meeting to order. Members in attendance were Jim Garner, Dinah Mashburn, Patrick Betancourt, Secretary to the Board, and Cathy Makinson Business Officer designated to record minutes. Lisa Leatherman was unable to attend due to conflict.

### **Minutes**

Open Session and Closed Session Minutes of the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved after motion by Jim Garner, and second by Dinah Mashburn. Minutes of the August 20, 2015 Board Meeting were deferred for review to next month as Lisa was not present for review.

### **Financials**

Monthly financials for August were provided to the Board, no questions at this time.

Business Officer presented FY 14-15 final Budget review which reflected another year of cost savings for the County.

### **Old Business**

Board was presented the Performance Measures for FY 14-15 which Patrick used to review Old Business. The Board discussed the possibility of posting a shortened version of the results on the DSS Website for public interest. Patrick will seek input from state contacts as to the best practice in sharing these type of results on agency website.

Patrick updated Board on State budget which includes approval of Macon DSS continuing as an electing county through 2019 and would be retro to 7/1/15. It also includes revision to Child Welfare, allowing foster children to remain in custody to age 21.

Patrick reported that Carenet hosted a Poverty Simulation event last week which he and several Food and Nutrition Services workers attended. He stated it was a great experience to identify with what some of our clients are experiencing in reality. Patrick mentioned he would love to have DSS host a similar event for other county employees to attend.

### **New Business**

Child Support staff and attorney attended the Child Support Annual Conference in Asheville this past month. Macon County received recognition for having the "Largest Increase in Paternity Establishment" in the State of North Carolina. This success is based on Polly Bradley's hard work. The other two staff were part of the Team Recognition for being in the top 5% of the State in Child Support Enforcement. Macon County began in 2011 in the top 40% of CSE and because of diligent work by this team, over the next 4

years, continued to climb to the top. Board expressed appreciation for all this unit's hard work.

Patrick shared minimal revisions to the Department's Dress Policy which was approved by the Board.

Patrick reminded the Board of the upcoming Community Outreach Meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> which is comprised of Community partners who are involved with the Energy Program.

**Closed Session**

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

**Next Meeting**

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

APPROVED BY:

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Chairman/Date

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Secretary/Date