

Macon County Social Services Board

April 18, 2012

Minutes

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Wendy Dalton. In attendance were Wendy Dalton, Jim Garner, Dinah Mashburn and Jane Kimsey.

Minutes

Open and Closed Session Minutes of the March 14, 2012 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Dinah Mashburn, second by Jim Garner.

Financials

Monthly financials were briefly reviewed. Revenues continue to be strong and expenses less than budgeted, with year-end reversion to county still anticipated.

Program Reports

State monthly Medicaid and Food & Nutrition Reports were reviewed. Board also reviewed state generated Child Protective Services Report that showed primary source of reports for investigations for the last fiscal year were from medical personnel, with law enforcement second and education third. Total number of reports was 281 from 7/1/11 through 3/31/12. Neglect reports were 268, abuse reports were 9 and dependency reports were 4. Reports substantiated were 12, unsubstantiated 3, services needed 27, services recommended 62, services not recommended 137 and services provided/no longer needed 40. Board also received report from Action for Children on Macon County Child Health.

Old Business

Proposed budget for next fiscal year was presented to County Manager and Finance Director. Commissioners will receive budget first part of May, with public hearing first part of June.

Guardianship transfers from mental health to DSS continue to be on target for July 1, 2012. Director has joined a state committee representing Directors of Social Services to develop a recommended funding plan for this additional fiscal responsibility. Funding for additional guardianships has been budgeted in the proposed FY 12-13 budget.

Task management/case banking implementation in economic services has gone relatively smoothly. Constant review of the new process is ongoing to ensure smoothest transition possible. Few complaints have been received by customers who no longer have an assigned caseworker.

New Business

Director reported on information obtained at the DSS Director Legal Conference held at the School of Government at UNC.

Brief discussion held on the pending DSS Board appointment, that is an appointment by the 2 DSS Board members. Wendy Dalton's term expires June 30, 2012 and she is not eligible for reappointment. DSS Board appointments will have to be made to the Child

Fatality Review Team and the Welfare Reform Planning Committee due to Mrs. Dalton's term expiring.

Federal and State Fiscal Year Benefits Report for benefits that were generated through Macon County DSS for Macon County recipients was provided. This report was updated for last 2 fiscal years. Report is attached for reference.

Closed Session

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

Announcements

Board reminded of the DSS Appreciation Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, April 25th and of the Dorothy R. and John L. Crawford Senior Center naming and building dedication at the Macon County Senior Services and Community Resource Center on Friday, April 27th.

Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date