

## **Macon County Social Services Board**

September 19, 2012

Minutes

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Minutes**

Open and Closed Session Minutes of the August 15, 2012 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Jeff King, second by Jim Garner.

### **Financials**

Business Officer Cathy Makinson gave FY 11-12 year end analysis. County budget figures show DSS savings totaled \$506,650. The savings analyzes revised budgeted revenues with actual expenditures excluding benefits paid through the county. Cathy also reported on the FY 11-12 state budgeted county expenditure and state revenue report. The county admin total is divided into the total expended after reducing the county total by Senior Services revenue sources. The end result showed DSS receiving 65% Federal and State reimbursement with the county participation at 35% for the year. This was a one percent increase over FY 10-11, primarily due to the increase in the HCCBG funds that Senior Services received.

Lastly the annual Benefit Payment Comparison was reviewed that details public assistance given to Macon County residents and includes Medicaid, Food and Nutrition, Energy Assistance, Foster Care and Special Assistance. The report provides the total Federal & State funds received through recipient benefits for FY 2005-2012. Total Federal and State funds for FY 11-12 that were provided to Macon County residents were \$50,273,903 as compared to \$47,681,072 for FY 10-11. Most notable was the major decrease in LIEAP assistance payments from FY 10-11 to FY 11-12, a decrease of \$400,352.

### **Program Reports**

Brief updates given on program services provided for August 2012.

### **Old Business**

NC FAST trainings will be completed in October, for the first phase of the Food and Nutrition Services automation upgrade to begin the end of October. Several modifications have occurred after the pilots were completed, including allowing access to the old system while implementing the new system. Wait times will be significantly impacted due to each application requiring input of more detailed information, building a data base for not only FNS but also for Medicaid individuals that are on both programs. Community education on new system being implemented will begin early October. All recommendations from pilot counties and lessons learned from other implementing counties will be considered in an attempt to efficiently transition to new system.

Article entitled “One in Five North Carolinians Lacks Health Insurance” from the Raleigh News and Observer was shared with the Board. Macon County is 1 of 8 counties that has more than 24.1% of residents found to be uninsured according to the US Census Bureau. In Western NC, Jackson and Graham Counties are also above 24.1% in uninsured residents.

2 counties, Montgomery and Beaufort, have formally consolidated human services by vote of their individual Board of County Commissioners. Additional counties are pursuing.

### **New Business**

Due to the anticipated extended wait times for Food and Nutrition Services and the increased volume of work beginning the end of October, recommendation was made to outsource the application process for Crisis Intervention Program and the Low Income Energy Assistance to Carenet. Carenet already administers the Share the Warmth Program, the heating assistance program from Duke Energy. Board supported recommendation.

Recommendation was also made to pay a delivery charge to fuel heating source providers who found the Crisis Intervention applicant not to be in crisis when delivery was attempted. Heating crisis is defined as less than 10% propane, less than 15 inches of fuel oil/kerosene or less than 1 cord of wood. Board concurred with paying an attempted delivery fee charge when delivery was not made based on mileage incurred schedule. Performance review and quality control reports on Child Support, Adult Day Care, TANF/Work First and Food and Nutrition Services were provided. All reports were positive with no monetary errors, and few recommendations for improvement.

### **Closed Session**

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

### **Next Meeting**

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

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Chairman/Date

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Secretary/Date