

Macon County Social Services Board

November 20, 2013

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 16, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Lisa Leatherman, second by Dinah Mashburn.

Financials

Monthly financials for October were provided in board book.

Jim Garner made motion to approve 2 contracts with Department of Insurance for funding to assist with outreach and enrollment of individuals in the Medicare Savings Programs. Lisa Leatherman seconded, and motion carried.

Program Reports

Brian Vogl presented the child protective services performance measures for last fiscal year. Number of reports received increased from 459 the previous fiscal year to 565 last fiscal year, while the percentage of reports not meeting criteria to investigate increased by 5% for same time period. Number of assistance requests from other counties increased by 2, from 25 cases to 27 cases. Total number of children receiving child protective services last fiscal year was 499.

Old Business

Continued challenges with NC FAST and integration of the Affordable Care Act into NC FAST were shared. The worst part of this major technology transition will be late winter early spring. Staff member are very frustrated, but remain positive that the end result of a single, efficient and streamlined eligibility process will optimize service delivery, improving customer experience.

An article on federal government shutdown's impact on NC was shared with members. 75% of the federal funding for DHHS was frozen which highlighted how dependent critical services through health and human services have become on discretionary federal funds. Plans are being developed to mitigate the impact of another possible federal government shutdown in January.

New Business

The NC General Assembly directed an evaluation of the Child Support Program, which included site reviews of 20 counties, including Macon. Reviewers were very complimentary of the child support program, and will be providing a report on the overall findings before the NCGA Short Session beginning in May of next year.

211 Community Service Information Line was shared. This information line is most helpful on weekends and after hours when the Community Resource Center is closed. The Crisis Intervention Program started November 1 with an initial allocation of \$134,135 which \$54,257 remains as close of business on November 19. Low Income Energy Assistance allocation has not yet been received, which this heating assistance program starts December 1 for targeted low income households that have seniors or disabled individuals receiving services through Dept. of Aging and Adult Services.

Closed Session

Jim Garner made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel, child protective services and an adoption case. Lisa Leatherman seconded, and motion carried. Board returned from Closed Session.

Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 18, at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date