

Macon County Social Services Board

February 20, 2013

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 January 16, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Jim Garner, second by Jeff King.

Financials

Contract with Youth Villages was recommended to serve up to 16 youth/children for \$100,000 to provide the Intercept In-Home Services to prevent out of home placements, or to assist in transitioning children/youth back into their home communities. Jeff King made motion to approve the Youth Villages contract as recommended, and Jim Garner seconded.

Contract revisions for legal services were requested. Recommendation was made to amend the contract with Mary Holiday for child support services and adult services from \$2,000 to \$7500. Jeff King made motion to approve recommendation and Jim Garner seconded. Previously approved contract with Kristy Parton was not finalized due to liability insurance requirements; therefore, recommendation was made to contract with Heather Baker at Coward, Hicks and Siler for legal services in the amount of \$35,000. Jim Garner made motion to approve recommendation and Jeff King seconded.

Additional recommendation was made to contract with Andria Duncan in the amount of \$10,000 for legal services when conflict of interests occur for other contracted attorneys, which Jeff King made motion to accept this recommendation, and Jim Garner seconded.

Program Reports

Program reports were deferred until March Board meeting.

Old Business

Budget for next fiscal year is being prepared. State budget estimates show preliminary decrease in funding by \$34,000, which is prior to any projected cuts due to sequestration which is to go into effect March 1.

Proposed pay study was presented to the Board of County Commissioners. Request was made to add Jackson County into the comps and to also analyze health insurance benefits as another comparison.

Both heating assistance programs are almost fully expended, which will be over \$300,000 in heating assistance provided to eligible households in the county.

New Business

DSS Appreciation event is generally held on Administrative Professionals Day, which this date conflicts with a statewide conference on Work Support Strategies. New date in April is being determined.

Sherry Bradsher, the NC DSS Division Director, has been named as the Acting Deputy Director of NC DHHS. Mrs. Bradsher's primary focus will continue to be implementation of Work Support Strategies and NC FAST.

Brief discussion was held on impact of changes to Unemployment Benefits and non-expansion of Medicaid.

Closed Session

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

Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 20 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date