

Macon County Social Services Board

October 19, 2011

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 September 21, 2011 Board meeting were reviewed. Both Open and Closed Session Minutes were approved on motion of Jim Garner, second by Wendy Dalton.

Financials

Monthly financials were reviewed. Significant cuts in the TANF federal block grant are anticipated which will impact funding in this county fiscal year, more significantly in next fiscal year. Adoption Promotion funding received in this fiscal year has to be spent within two years.

Program Reports

Monthly program reports for Medicaid and Food and Nutrition Services were reviewed. Concerns were noted about the potential Medicaid program cuts and how they will affect clients and providers in the community.

Old Business

A follow-up community planning meeting will be held on October 25th to finalize a plan maximizing limited assistance resources for the winter months. Attendees at the last meeting were very interested in developing educational resources for individuals and families that would help them make better choices in making short term and long term financial decisions as well as assist them in obtaining employment.

County employees pay and benefits classification study should begin early November.

New Business

NACO Prescription Drug Discount Card Program update was given. This prescription discount program was started in 2007, which average monthly recipients reached over 300 a month in 2008. Numbers have steadily decreased to 126 a month for August 2011. Medicare Part D and the \$4 generic prescription drug programs have impacted demand for this drug discount card program.

Subsidized Early Education for Kids, SEEK, is a new electronic benefit transfer system being implemented for the childcare providers to receive state reimbursement. First phase of implementation was electronic attendance record keeping initiated October 1st which appears to have been implemented successfully. Final phase, electronic reimbursement, will begin in spring of next year. Childcare providers were provided the POS electronic machines for the electronic swipe cards; however, the providers had to provide a landline or computer modem for connectivity.

Closed Session

Jim Garner 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.

Next Meeting

Next meeting was set for Wednesday, November 16 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date