

Macon County Social Services Board

July 21, 2022

Minutes

Call to Order

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order. Members attending were Anne Hyder, Dale West, Evelyn Southard, Page McCurry/HR, Patrick Betancourt, Secretary to the Board, and Cathy Makinson, Business Officer designated to record minutes.

First order of business was to elect the Chairman of the Board for this fiscal year. Dale West nominated Evelyn Southard and Anne Hyder seconded the motion. Evelyn was unanimously voted Chair.

Agenda was approved on motion of Dale West and second by Anne Hyder. Next order of business was to confirm meeting day and times. Board agreed to continue with the third Thursday of the month at 9am. Updated meeting schedule provided in the Board books.

Minutes

Minutes were approved on motion of Anne Hyder and second by Evelyn Southard.

Financials

Budget Officer, Cathy Makinson, reported on the recent DHHS State Fiscal Monitoring which resulted in no findings. Cathy explained that the audit was quick and that having the necessary documents scanned and organized in Laserfiche assisted in the short audit time needed. Cathy and Patrick discussed the upcoming changes in how the Medicaid 75% vs. 50% reimbursement is being challenged and that the county agencies are having to change how salary and benefits along with departmental expenditures are claimed on the monthly 1571. This requirement is being implemented through the federal government based on what the CMS states is allowable for the enhanced rate of 75% for Eligibility and Enrollment (E & E). This comes after county budgets have already been approved and affects the Medicaid revenues for the year beginning in September, claimed in October. Information from DHHS has been minimal and not well-defined so trying to complete the Financial Impact is very difficult. The first webinar will take place this afternoon and it is hoped DSS will receive further definitions on what needs to change. Monthly financials provided in board books.

Child Welfare IV-B-2, SSBG and IV-E Monitorings

Patrick informed the Board that he has not heard back on the appeal on the IV-E payback found in a 2014 Adoption Assistance case. There were no findings in the IV-B 2 and SSBG monitorings. Patrick explained what had been submitted with the AA case and what the State stated was missing or incorrect. The good news is that the official process being identified was not put in place until the month after this application was approved and that the adoption paperwork was finalized based on what was required at the time. The Board expressed appreciation of Patrick's effort on the appeal letter.

Personnel Updates/Turnover Rate

Page provided an update to the Board on the resignation by Taylor Henry, Adult Medicaid worker and the promotion of Wanda Clark and Amy Hernandez to IMC II based on one year experience being completed as IMC I. Page announced the hiring of Brandy Padgett as the new Child Support worker and the transfer of Pammela Hughes at Senior Services from ADC CSSA to the PA III in Congregate. Page provided examples of the current social media ads and explained what she is noting on the DSS LinkedIn page to reflect the DSS culture. She reported on the recent Education Incentive Proposal that was approved last month, DSS had three social workers apply and begin receiving their monthly incentive. Patrick expressed his appreciation of Page's effort in recruiting. Cathy mentioned besides the staff changes that Page reported, we have contracted with Maureen Pruitt, former DSS SW, to assist Stacey Messer In

completing assessments and paperwork on some of the pre-licensed foster families to expedite their licensing process and a contract with Miriam Williams, to assist with foster children transportation and supervised visitation. Updated org charts are in the board books along with the turnover rate graph.

Closed Session

Dale West made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss case information as allowed Under G.S. 143-318.11. Evelyn Southard seconded, and motion carried

Next Meeting

Next Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 18, 2022, in the Admin Conference Room. Motion to adjourn made by Anne Hyder second by Evelyn Southard.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date