

Macon County Social Services Board

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes

Welcome/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, Mike Williams, Patrick Betancourt (Executive Officer and Secretary to the Board), Beneth Aiken, and Lynne Kurimay. Amy Sanderfur was excused in her absence. Guest in attendance was Katie Zari.

Proposed Agenda

Agenda was approved on motion of Dale West and second by Mike Williams.

Minutes

March minutes were approved on motion of Mike Williams and second by Anne Hyder.

Fiscal Update

Patrick Betancourt provided a brief financial update, including his plans to attend County Commissioners Meeting May 14, at which County Manager Derek Roland will present the FY24-25 budget. Results of meeting with Derek Roland, HR Director Tammy Keezer, and County Finance Director Lori Carpenter were approval of reclassification of vacant Child Support Lead position to Social Worker II/Licensing position, as well as reclassification of Income Maintenance Caseworker III to Income Maintenance Supervisor II, both reclassifications effective immediately. Also approved, but to take effect July 1, 2024 with the new fiscal year, was an increase of flat rate on-call incentive pay to for supervisors and for social workers. It is anticipated to be September/October before FY23-24 final fiscal figures are available.

Child Protective Services Presentation

Katie Zari, Investigative/Assessment and Treatment Social Worker, gave a detailed overview of the Child Protective Services (CPS) program. She explained the process of CPS involvement from initial report received, the screening process, steps of investigation, and the multiple ways a case can be closed. She also fielded questions from Board members.

VAYA Health Letter of Support Resolution

Patrick provided the Board an update of the Letter of Support for VAYA Health that was presented to the Board of County Commissioners on April 9, 2024. Patrick also provided an overview of why support for VAYA's application to the state-wide Child and Family Specialty Plan was so important to the families and children being served by Macon County's child welfare system. Patrick provided a proposed letter of support for VAYA to be signed by him and the Board Chair if the Board agreed to support. The Board unanimously agreed to endorse VAYA's application. The letter was signed and will be forwarded to VAYA for inclusion with their application.

Personnel Updates/Agency Exits


Beneth Aiken shared personnel updates, including one new Intake Caseworker, one transition from Intake Caseworker I to Income Maintenance Caseworker II (FNS), and one promotion from IMC I to IMC II (Adult Medicaid.) One Permanency Planning Worker and one Child Protective Services Worker have left the Agency in April. Senior Services welcomed a new PA III (Congregate) worker and CSSA (Adult Day) worker in April. Patrick noted that on the Personnel Exit data provided to Board members, there was an error in calculation for Q1 as two of the exits will actually occur in Q2. The data presented in May will reflect the correct quarterly calculations. Discussion was held regarding the importance the Dept. places on succession planning for key leadership positions with several planned retirements among agency leaders in the next few years. Board Member Dale West advised that she will not renew for a new term in the next fiscal year, leaving the Social Services Board appointed position vacant as of July 1. Board members were encouraged to consider community members they would be willing to consider serving. Discussion regarding the vacancy to take place at next month's meeting.

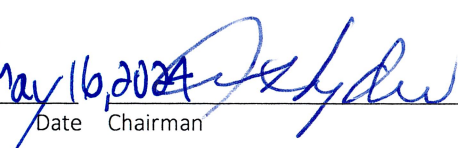
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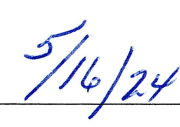
Next meeting remains as scheduled, Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 9:00am.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting made by Dale West and second by Mike Williams.

APPROVED BY:


Executive Officer/Secretary

 May 16, 2024
Date Chairman

 5/16/24
Date