

## **Macon County Social Services Board**

April 17, 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 March 27, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Jim Garner, second by Jeff King.

### **Financials**

Work First cash savings plan is still being developed pending finalization of federal budget cuts, implementation of new pay plan and expansion of new children services program.

New salary pay plan for county employees will be implemented the first full pay period in May. Employees will be raised to the new market rate of their pay grade classification, and if above this new market or hire rate employees will receive a 2% increase. All employees will receive some type of pay adjustment.

Budget is still being finalized and will be recommended to Board of County Commissioners in May.

Discussion was held on a request by Macon Transit to pay a flat rate for trips to and from one destination, which is outside of the current contract to pay Macon Transit \$2.00 per mile for Medicaid recipients. Board did not amend the current county transit contract.

On motion of Jim Garner and second by Jeff King, Board approved a contract with Chester Jones for legal services to represent the Department in a Medicaid appeal case at the rate of \$100.00 not to exceed 50 hours.

### **Program Reports**

Performance reports/outcomes from last fiscal year on child protective services were presented to the Board by Brian Vogl, Social Work Supervisor. Macon County met 5 of the 6 federal performance measure outcomes, which was one of two counties in the west that met 5 out of 6, with no county meeting 6 out of 6 measures.

### **Old Business**

Final numbers for energy assistance were provided. Total of \$318,153 was provided to households that met the eligibility criteria to assist them with their heating and cooling needs this past fiscal year.

Much uncertainty continues to exist on exactly what impact Health Care Reform will have on DSS operations. There will be an impact, just no good idea of how significant an impact.

### **New Business**

To prepare for Health Care Reform implementation and implementation of NC FAST Medicaid/Work First roll out, kiosks are being purchased for the front lobby at DSS, the Community Resource Center at Senior Services, the hospital and possibly CareNet. Additionally, a Universal Case Worker is being requested to be located at the front desk to help triage applications and recertifications.

**Closed Session**

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

**Next Meeting**

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 15 at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

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Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date