

## **Macon County Social Services Board**

May 18, 2023

Minutes

### **Call to Order**

Patrick Betancourt called the regular meeting of the Macon County Social Services Board to order. Members attending were Dale West, Evelyn Southard, Anne Hyder, Page McCurry/HR, Patrick Betancourt, and Cathy Makinson, Business Officer designated to record minutes. Jennifer Hollifield and Kim Crawford were present to speak on behalf of Senior Services.

Agenda was approved on motion of Dale West and second by Anne Hyder with revision to Senior Services, Older American Month presentation ahead of the Budget Update.

### **Minutes**

April minutes were approved on motion of Evelyn Southard, second by Dale West.

### **May is Older Americans Month**

Jennifer Hollifield and Kim Crawford gave an update to the Board on all the activities taking place, particularly in May with this recognition. Senior Center Activity/Program list attached to minutes. Kim shared with the Board how all the required activities at the Center provide more classes/hours than the State standards. On May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Center will receive their Ernest B. Messer award, recognizing the work and creativity in the drive-through meal program during COVID. Jennifer informed the Board of the June 15<sup>th</sup> Elder Abuse Awareness Walk. The Board commended both Kim and Jennifer on all that is provided through the Center.

### **Budget Update**

Budget Officer, Cathy Makinson, informed the Board that it appears the 3 requested Medicaid workers will be included in the County Manager's proposed FY 23-24 Budget. Mr. Roland has called Patrick twice for more information on these positions and their responsibilities. Single County Audit scheduled on May 3-5, 2023, primarily was remote with all the information requested by auditors, uploaded for review. It is anticipated that the Medicaid testing will take place when they return in the Fall, when reports are available as well as testing all the areas already submitted to include the last 3 months of the present fiscal year. Financials were provided in the book

### **Board Member Term Expiring**

Patrick updated the Board on the acceptance of Mike Williams, VP of the State Employees Credit Union, to be nominated to the Social Services Commission for the position ending June 30, 2023, by Evelyn Southard. Cathy made the initial contact with Mike, who expressed great interest in serving on the Board and Patrick followed up on the details. As Patrick checked the Commission's website to print the application, he found that the deadline for applications to be submitted was that day at 5pm. Patrick asked Page to assist Mike in completing the application and it was submitted that day. The Commission's next meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup> and hopefully the Commission will vote on the application that day. After Patrick invited Mike, he agreed to come and observe the Board meeting in June.

### **Personnel Updates/Turnover Rate**

Page informed the Board of the internal promotions of Jody Brock to the newly created Medicaid Trainer position and the hiring of Kiersten Brendel, one of our current local visitation staff, to the Social Worker II Intake position vacated when Lynne Kurimay was hired in the Administrative Assistant II position. Additionally, Judy Gohagan, has been hired at Senior Services for the grant processing assistant position. Recent resignations include Michaela Brooks, Child Protective Services Social Worker, going to work for Four Seasons Hospice Care, Brandy Padgett who was recruited back to her old position at Walgreens

Pharmacy for \$10 more an hour and Samantha Smith who will be moving to another county and also being given a higher salary. Page updated the Board on recent changes at County HR that are delaying the Personnel Action Forms (PAF) being processed, including advertising and hiring. She is unable to request the position be opened and advertised until the PAF is approved by County HR who is experiencing their own transition. Due to this, there is concern in trying to expedite the advertising and hiring of the 3 new Medicaid workers. The Board was given a folder containing the Supervisor evaluations of Director so that they could review and complete Patrick's annual position. The Board requested to be added to the agenda next month, during closed session.

**Closed Session**

No closed session this month.

**Next Meeting**

Next month's meeting time will be changed to 10:30 a.m. from the regular 9:00 a.m. start time to accommodate Cathy so that she can be present to report on the budget and also assist Mike with any information he is interested in learning in regards to the financials of the Department. Motion to adjourn made by Anne Hyder, second by Evelyn Southard.

APPROVED BY:

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Chairman/Date

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Secretary/Date