

August 20, 2008
Franklin, NC 28734

Social Services Board met this date in regular monthly session. Members in attendance were Wendy Dalton, Mark West, Dom D'Ascoli and Secretary. Chairman D'Ascoli called meeting to order.

Regular Session and Closed Session minutes of the July 16, 2008 board meeting were reviewed and approved on motion Mark West with second by Wendy Dalton.

Monthly financials were briefly reviewed. County audit will be conducted in September, which year end close out will be reported after audit is complete.

Under old business, Diane Holbrook, Income Maintenance Supervisor, presented an updated Crisis Intervention Plan for this fiscal year. Changes in notification and billing practices will be implemented to better manage the funding allocation. Board expressed appreciation to Ms. Holbrook for the plan changes. Board also expressed their appreciation to Ms. Holbrook for her 25 years of service to DSS since she will be retiring the end of August.

Also under old business, Board was updated on the continued growth in the Income Maintenance/Economic Services. Food and Nutrition Services caseloads have grown by 21% in one year with 1441 Food Stamp Cases authorized as of August, which 3,028 participants in these households are receiving food assistance. Medicaid numbers have not increased as dramatically with slight increase in Adult Medicaid, 1%, and a 12% increase in Family and Children's Medicaid.

Under new business, Secretary explained the WorkFirst Electing County biennial planning process. The plan for 2009-2011 has been developed by the WorkFirst staff with minor revisions to the existing plan. The draft plan will be presented to the Welfare Reform Planning Committee on Monday, September 8 for their review and approval. The plan, with any revisions, will then be recommended by the Committee to the Board of County Commissioners also on Monday, September 8. After Commissioners receive plan on September 8, the plan will be posted for public review and comment period until the end of September. Plan will be represented at the October County Commissioners' meeting for their final approval and submission to the State DSS by October 31.

Board received the Medicaid Provider Earnings Report for this past fiscal year. Macon County has 141 Medicaid providers that received a total of \$22,546,542 in Medicaid reimbursements for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008. This was a 2% increase over last fiscal year earnings.

Secretary reported the Macon County Medicaid Snapshot for 2008 posted on the DMA website is not accurate due to inaccurate population count. This error has been reported to DMA for correction.

Request has been requested to provide a letter of support for a DV Batterers Education Program by Family Mental Health. More information is being obtained regard this request, so Board deferred request.

Conflict of Interest Policy was reviewed. Adoption of this policy is required to receive funding for meals and food items at Senior Services. There have been no changes to the policy since adopted last

fiscal year. Wendy Dalton made motion to approved Conflict of Interest Policy as presented, and Mark West seconded. Motion carried.

Board went into Closed Session to discuss personnel on motion of Mark West and second by Wendy Dalton. Board returned from Closed Session.

Next meeting was rescheduled from Wednesday, September 17 to Tuesday, September 30 at 9:00 in the DSS Administrative Conference Room. Notices will be sent on change in meeting dates.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Chairman/Date

Secretary/Date