

Macon County Social Services Board

Thursday, February 15, 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 Amy Sanderfur. Guests in attendance were James Cerri and Jennifer Alexander.

Proposed Agenda

Agenda was approved on motion of Dale West and second by Anne Hyder.

Minutes

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

Fiscal Update

Amy Sanderfur provided a brief update:

- County Budget Overview meeting today
- Receipt of State Budget Estimates today
- Notification of new funding stream for Emergency Foster Child Placement (Patrick Betancourt elaborated with detail surrounding these funds that are aimed toward preventing children having to spend the night in the DSS office, which Macon County has not experienced in several months)
- Continuing to work to spend down Medicaid Expansion funds
- Paid overtime for Medicaid workers has been approved, but likely will not be utilized as heavily as originally anticipated, but remains available for future application, as well as for Social Workers as opposed to comp time accruals
- Energy payment delays continue to be a problem; crisis funds still healthy while LIEAP funds anticipated to be depleted end of February

Child Support Presentation

James Cerri gave a detailed overview of the Child Support department, of which he is the current lead worker. Board members were encouraged to ask questions to help them understand the scope of this area of the Agency.

Personnel Updates/Agency Exits

Beneth Aiken shared personnel updates, including one transfer from contract Energy worker to Medicaid caseworker, two new Medicaid caseworkers, and two resignations from Child Support, including one promotion to County Finance. This results in two vacancies in Child Support, and leaves one in Child Protective Services, one in Permanency Planning/Foster Care, and one in Food & Nutrition.


Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Next meeting remains as scheduled, Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 9:00am.

Motion to move into closed session made by Dale West, second by Anne Hyder.

APPROVED BY:

 3/21/24
Chairman Date

 Mar. 21, 2024
Executive Officer/Secretary Date