Macon County Social Services Board

September 20, 2013 Minutes

Call to Order

Dinah Mashburn called meeting to order. Members in attendance were Dinah Mashburn, Chair and Lisa Leatherman. Also attending was Jane Kimsey, Director and Secretary to Board.

Minutes

Open Session and Closed Session Minutes of the August 21, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on motion of Lisa Leatherman, second by Dinah Mashburn.

Financials

Monthly financials for August were provided in board book.

FY 12-13 year end benefit amounts were presented by Cathy Makinson. Total amount of federal and state benefits provided to eligible Macon County residents totaled \$49,588,271, which this total amount decreased by approximately \$685,000 as compared to last fiscal year. FNS benefits were \$9,178,288 and Medicaid benefits were \$39,595,524 of the total amount. DSS also recorded a \$430,045 in county cash savings in last fiscal year budget. State and Federal reimbursement on administrative expenses totaled 60%, a slight decrease over previous fiscal year reimbursement rate. Revision of current fiscal year budget will be completed mid-year due to continued funding uncertainties.

Chester Jones declined the legal services contract offer due to other contracts and commitments but was willing to offer legal services on as needed demand basis, which could be provided through a purchase order.

Program Reports

Gwen Taylor presented 2 FY 12-13 Performance Report templates. One template was a simplified short version, with the other template being a more in-depth version complete with graphs and trending details.

FNS and Housing services in the county were discussed briefly. FNS new applications continue to increase with several applications as result of families having just relocated to the area.

Old Business

NC FAST training for Medicaid implementation is being conducted over 2 week period in preparation of the Medicaid NC FAST soft launch which allows new Medicaid applications to be completed on line via epass and through the NC FAST system. This date also coincides with the beginning date for Affordable Care Act enrollment. Mountain Projects will have a Navigator to assist with ACA applications hopefully by end of October. Discussions are ongoing to provide space for this grant funded Navigator on part time basis at Senior Services/Community Resource Center.

New Business

Board approved reauthorization of the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) contract for financial assistance with food costs in the Senior Services programs that provide meals and snacks.

New Social Services Board member training is being provided in Hickory on October 23rd in conjunction with the Social Services Institute. Lisa Leatherman asked to be registered to attend.

Closed Session

Lisa Leatherman made motion to go into Closed Session to discuss confidential case information and personnel. Dinah Mashburn seconded, and motion carried. Board returned from Closed Session.

Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 16, at 9:00 am in the DSS Administrative Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.	
APPROVED BY:	
Chairman/Date	Secretary/Date