Macon County Social Services Board

June 17, 2009 Minutes

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

Minutes

Update and correction was made to the regular session minutes from the May 27, 2009 Board meeting to include details on the Food and Nutrition Management Review. Board minutes of the regular and closed meeting sessions held on May 27, 2009 were approved with corrections on motion of Wendy Dalton and second by Mark West.

Financials

Revenues and expenses are within budgeted amounts. State budget is still pending and will most probably impact the approved local DSS budget when passed.

Old Business

Proposals in the state budget continue to include reducing the recently adopted foster care board rates, reducing state aid to counties funding, closing Level III and Level IV foster care group homes, and reductions to Medicaid providers. Much uncertainty exists with the state budget due to the state's fiscal crisis and concerns of raising revenues to offset potentially devastating cuts. No further information is known on the potential transfer of Child Support Enforcement operations to the county.

Child Care report on the Economic Impact of the Child Care Industry in NC, an executive summary dated June 2004, was given to the Board.

Director shared with Board miscommunication received from the State on the LIEAP and ME Review findings reported at last Board meeting. The same state monitor conducted both reviews, one on the Low Income Energy Assistance Program and one on the Food and Nutrition Program. When the monitor submitted their information to the state on both reviews, the cover letter and the review information details on the cases were switched resulting in wrong information being sent out. Director and Supervisor are trying to obtain correct information on review findings, and will communicate these to the Board when received.

Findings from the Child and Adult Care Food Program review were excellent with no corrective action required. Board expressed appreciation to the Senior Services staff for the excellent review findings.

New Board meeting schedule was given to the Board members.

New Business

Director informed the Board of the first county ENewsletter posted on the county website which highlighted various accomplishments of DSS and highlighted the Food and Nutrition Team. Lisa Allen prepared the article, and will be submitting article on Senior Services in the next monthly newsletter.

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

Next Meeting

Board was scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 15, 2009; however, due to conflicts with this date, meeting will be rescheduled and new meeting date posted as soon as determined.

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