

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

April 12, 2023

Logan County Commissioner Chairman Jerry A. Sonnenberg called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Logan County Central Services building with Logan County Commissioner Joseph A. McBride, Logan County Commissioner Mike Brownell, Logan County Human Services' Director David Long, and Logan County Human Services' Recording Secretary Peggy Kircher, present.

Minutes from the Board of Human Services meeting held on March 8, 2023 were presented. Commissioner Brownell moved to approve the Board meeting minutes as written. Commissioner McBride seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long presented the Commissioners with the Expenditure Summary report dated March 31, 2023, the February Allocation Tracking report, and the TANF Reserve Balances reports dated February, 2023. Chairman Sonnenberg said that he enjoys the way the financial reports are presented. Director Long informed the Board that Karen Milner, LCDHS finance/accounting supervisor, built this report many years ago and it works very well.

Director Long gave the Commissioners the briefing highlights. Director Long presented information to the Board regarding homeless needs, housing assistance, assistance programs, and details regarding grant information available in Logan County. The information for eligibility and work programs housing assistance was prepared by Donna Marx, Colorado Works supervisor. Commissioner McBride said that it would be good for the department to work with Cooperating Ministry to prevent overlap in assistance being given and to make sure that both entities are not helping with paying the client's rent.

Director Long informed the Board that the department would like to consider an increase to the CCCAP Sunshine Daycare daily rate to commensurate the daily rates of other daycares in the area.

Director Long gave the Board information about HCPF/Medicaid administrative recovery due to client inconsistencies and fraud. The local district attorney criminally charges people with Medicaid fraud that is more than \$5000.00. CMS which is the federal arm of State Medicaid has reinterpreted what it means to recover. They are saying that only cases with a criminal element can be recovered. Anything under \$5000.00 is considered an administrative recovery and is no longer authorized to recoup.

Director Long informed the Board that he has reviewed and will be signing the State's Colorado Works Memorandum of Understanding on the Department's behalf. This MOU includes TANF policies which include Employment First and Workforce.

Director Long said that the Logan County DHS CCCAP unit completes work for other counties and the department currently has contracts with Sedgwick, Kit Carson, and Cheyenne counties. The State is encroaching on so many areas of collaboration with other counties and they have made some requirements to be included in these contracts. The State is requiring all of the CCCAP contracts between the counties go through their procurement process prior to being signed by the Board of County Commissioners. In previous years, these contracts were only signed by the DHS Directors.

Chairman Sonnenberg thanked Director Long for his quick response and being available in helping him with his expertise in the DocuSign documents.

Director Long said that he will be joining the CCI meetings on Friday via Zoom. He said that the Bills are fast and furious and horrible for child welfare. Chairman Sonnenberg said that he will be attending the meetings in person and he welcomes Director Long to attend these meetings via Zoom. Chairman Sonnenberg said that he may ask the committee to recognize Director Long when it comes to the child welfare part of the meetings so he can voice the concerns regarding the Bills being presented for child welfare.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on May 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Logan County Central Services building.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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David E. Long, Director

Approved by:

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Jerry A. Sonnenberg, Chairman  
Logan County Commissioner

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Joseph A. McBride, Logan County Commissioner

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Mike Brownell, Logan County Commissioner