

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

July 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 June 14, 2023 were presented. Commissioner Brownell moved to approve the Board meeting minutes as written. Chairman Sonnenberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long presented the Commissioners with the Expenditure Summary report dated June 30, 2023, the May Allocation Tracking report, and the TANF Reserve Balances report dated May SFY 2022/2023. Chairman Sonnenberg inquired about how Logan County compares to the surrounding counties regarding the spending of TANF dollars. Director Long said that Logan County is spending more per capita on contracts, as a whole, than the other surrounding counties. The TANF reserves pay for quality for childcare. This pays for a large amount of the salaries in the childcare facilities. Director Long said that counties need to recognize childcare as an economic driver. Commissioner Brownell inquired about the fund request in the amount of \$5000 from A Caring Pregnancy Resource Center. Director Long said that their services are utilized in Logan County. Director Long said that the TANF contracts are at a total of \$770,000 which is about where the Department was last year. LCDHS may need to purchase up to \$400,000. The TANF purchases are bought at 15 cents on the dollar from the other counties.

Director Long presented 9 TANF service contracts to the Board. LCDHS received service contracts from Baby Bear Hugs in the amount of \$36,250.00, Trinity Lutheran School Age Program in the amount of \$29,650.00, Trinity Lutheran Early Education Center in the amount of \$88,900.00, Sunshine Childcare Center in the amount of \$90,000, Family Resource Center in the amount of \$50,535.00, Help for Abused Partners in the amount of \$133,399.00, Cooperating Ministry of Logan County in the amount of \$263,615.00, Early Childhood Council of Logan, Phillips, and Sedgwick in the amount of \$48,652.00 and Early Learning Center in the amount of \$34,661.00. Commissioner McBride moved to authorize the Chair and Director to sign and approve the services contracts from Baby Bear Hugs in the amount of \$36,250.00, Trinity Lutheran School Age Program in the amount of \$29,650.00, Trinity Lutheran Early Education Center in the amount of \$88,900.00, Sunshine Childcare Center in the amount of \$90,000, Family Resource Center in the amount of \$50,535.00, Help for Abused Partners in the amount of \$133,399.00, Cooperating Ministry of Logan County in the amount of \$263,615.00, Early Childhood Council of Logan, Phillips, and Sedgwick in the amount of \$48,652.00 and Early Learning Center in the amount of \$34,661.00. Commissioner Brownell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long gave the Board information regarding a child welfare case that has had a great outcome after the young boy was placed in foster kinship care.

Director Long said that the behavior health grant through the State is completed. Logan County DHS applied for a tech security grant through HCPF in the amount of \$40,000 to improve and update the security camera system, add bullet proof film for the lobby windows, and the security locks on the doors.

Director Long gave the Commissioners an update regarding the Behavioral Health Administration. He said that now there is a whole separate eligibility determination application for mental health. This is to capture the people that are not eligible for Medicaid but need mental health support services.

Director Long said that Senator Byron Pelton contacted him and requested him to join an interview with Steffen Tubbs from KNUS at the Central Services building on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The interview will be with people from the Northeast Region regarding mental health and its availability.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on August 9, 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 10:28 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