

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

March 8, 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, and Logan County Human Services' Director David Long, present.

Chairman Sonnenberg welcomed guests, Rebecca Stieb and Angela Govea from Milestone Community Wellness LLC and New Pathways Counseling Center, both joined in person, and Jodi Willbanks from Milestone Community Wellness LLC/Weld County DHS, joined via web-based Zoom. Ms. Stieb gave a presentation to the Board reflecting the mission for Milestone Community Wellness LLC for recovery support services. Director Long asked if there would be a way for Logan County DHS to get a supply of Narcan for the caseworkers to provide to clients as needed. Ms. Govea said that there is grant funding available for this and she will get the information to Director Long. Commissioner Brownell said that he sees a need for the rural fire departments to have a supply of Narcan. Ms. Stieb will share the CDC data with the Board regarding safe injection sites. She will send this information to Director Long and he will share it with the Commissioners. Commissioner McBride said that it is important to get all of this information out to the community to get support.

Ms. Stieb, Ms. Govea, and Ms. Willbanks excused themselves from the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

The Board recessed at 9:58 a.m.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Minutes from the Board of Human Services meeting held on February 8, 2023 were presented. Commissioner Brownell moved to approve and sign 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 February 28, 2023, the January Allocation Tracking report, and the TANF Reserve Balances report dated January, 2023.

Director Long gave the Commissioners the staffing updates and briefing highlights. There is currently a vacancy in the child support enforcement unit. Applications are being accepted for this position.

Director Long gave the Board a copy of the briefing of the child welfare workload study summary. One critical step to informing the future funding model is an updated child welfare workload study to determine how many caseworker, supervisor, case aides and support staff are needed to do foundational child welfare casework. The Board discussed this summary.

Director Long gave the Board information about the statistics maps that reflect drug use and drug dependency per population by regions across the United States. The Northeast region of Colorado shows as one of the highest percentages of drug dependency across the whole United States.

The Board discussed the problems regarding funding and allocation of BHA services in the northeast region. Director Long said that this has become a bureaucratic mess.

Director Long gave the Board the Department Master Reports with program averages from the years 2015-2022. The Board discussed the increasing numbers on the reports.

Director Long said that Commissioner McBride asked him to work on the verbiage on incorporating all of the elements of public announcements on programs the Department has available and all of the assistance the department offers to the community. Director Long said that there is a one time, very small, grant in the amount of \$700,000 available for the whole State that will be released for pilot projects to help the homeless population with housing navigation activities. There will also be a \$500,000 grant that will be split out amongst the whole state for similar activities like what the TANF program offers.

Director Long offered the CCI notes and what he voted on at the meeting. He will share this information with the Commissioners.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on April 12, 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 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Long, Director

Approved by:

Jerry A. Sonnenberg, Chairman
Logan County Commissioner

Joseph A. McBride, Logan County Commissioner

Mike Brownell, Logan County Commissioner