

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

April 14, 2021

Logan County Commissioner Chairman Byron Pelton called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Logan County Central Services building with Logan County Commissioner Joseph McBride, Logan County Commissioner Jane Bauder, 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 10, 2021 were presented. Commissioner Bauder 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 Summaries report dated March 31, 2021, the February, 2021 Allocation Tracking report, and the February, 2021 TANF Reserve Balances report.

Director Long informed the Board that he has not been able to get any of the counties committing to sell TANF dollars to Logan County. Counties are selling child care dollars right now and once that is completed; LCDHS is hoping to purchase approximately \$150,000 TANF funds from other counties to cover TANF expenses.

The projected deficit for child welfare is expected to be \$250,000 which is tremendously less than in years past. The number of cases continues to rise but the Resource unit continues to get additional foster homes for placements which help prevent high dollar placements. Director Long informed the Board about the placement of a young boy that was recently placed in a high dollar placement facility due to his intensive individual needs.

The Administration Allocation fund is projected to be the lowest over expenditure it has been in years. Currently there are two vacancies; one being in the Adult Assistance programs unit and the other in the Child Support Enforcement unit. Director Long said that the Department is financially the most healthy it has been in many years.

Director Long said that he is on the child welfare mitigation committee that decides where the mitigation dollars are placed. This committee will help the NE region.

Director Long gave the Commissioners the briefing highlights.

Director Long gave the Board the staffing updates.

Director Long said that there is one vacant position in the Adult Assistance Programs unit and one vacancy in the Child Support Enforcement Unit.

Due to the increase in child welfare referrals, Director Long is considering the need to hire an additional worker in the Core Services unit or the Ongoing Unit. Each caseworker is averaging 11 cases and in the past it had been between 5 and 8. The main issues around child welfare cases are methamphetamine use and domestic violence.

Director Long informed the Board of COVID updates. He said that LCDHS is almost back to 100% of where it was prior to COVID. If there are possibilities of exposure to staff by attending other locations and counties; masks are used or meetings are conducted online.

Director Long gave the Board an update on the childcare collaborative. The childcare group is getting closer to getting the childcare center set up. A contract is being drawn up with Northeastern Jr. College for at least 5 years to use their adult education building as a childcare center. When the school year closes out, the NJC adult education unit will move out of their current building and into the library facility. Part of the grant funds the collaborative received will be used to remodel areas in the building to meet the childcare center needs. They will start looking for a Director to run the child care center. Director Long said that the Board on this collaborative group has worked together very well and it has been a great endeavor. He said that it is a great effort in the community. This Board will continue to serve for a while to be able to continue the momentum on the project. Director Long said that it put a whole new level of respect to have Commissioners on this Board and it has helped in getting the grants for the project. He said that without the Commissioners' participation on this project, it wouldn't be where it is now.

Director Pelton said that there will be a roundtable discussion on Friday regarding the Local Behavioral Health Needs. This is scheduled to occur in the Columbine room but might be moved to the Colorado room.

Ms. Kircher presented the updated LCDHS authorization policies for background checks and drug screening tests for volunteers, applicants, and contractors. Commissioner McBride moved to approve the authorization policies. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on May 12, 2021 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 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Long, Director

Approved by:

Joseph A. McBride, Chairman
Logan County Commissioner

Byron H. Pelton, Logan County Commissioner

Jane E. Bauder, Logan County Commissioner