

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

May 12, 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 June 9, 2021 were presented. Chairman Pelton said that due to some amendments to the minutes, the approval will be postponed until the next Board meeting in June.

Director Long presented the Commissioners with the Expenditure Summaries report dated April 30, 2021, the March, 2021 Allocation Tracking report, and the March, 2021 TANF Reserve Balances report.

Director Long presented TANF service contracts to the Board from: Help for Abused Partners in the amount of \$10,973.00, Early Childhood Council of Logan, Phillips, and Sedgwick Counties in the amount of \$10,000.00, Trinity Lutheran Education Center in the amount of \$8,340.00, and Cooperating Ministry of Logan County in the amount of \$33,442.00. Commissioner McBride moved to accept the TANF service contracts. Commissioner Pelton seconded the motion to approve TANF service contracts from Help for Abused Partners in the amount of \$10,973.00, Early Childhood Council of Logan, Phillips, and Sedgwick Counties in the amount of \$10,000.00, Trinity Lutheran Education Center in the amount of \$8,340.00, and Cooperating Ministry of Logan County in the amount of \$33,442.00. The motion was approved.

Director Long gave the Board information about the option to purchase 100 of the 30 count youth swim punch cards from Sterling Recreation Center. These punch cards would be purchased with TANF funds and each pass would cost LCDHS \$57.50. This could be advertised online and through the schools. TANF eligible clients would qualify to receive these cards at no cost to them. The reserve TANF money will need to be spent by June 30, 2021. Commissioner McBride moved to approve the concept of purchasing swim passes with TANF funds. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long gave the Commissioners the briefing highlights.

The Board was informed about a child welfare situation late in the evening on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. LCDHS child welfare caseworkers came together and handled the bad situation very well.

Director Long gave the Board the staffing updates.

Ashley Nadow resigned from her resource/caseworker position in child welfare.

Annette Ruch left employment at LCDHS in April and after a couple weeks at her new job; she requested to be reinstated in her position in the LCDHS child support enforcement unit. She has been reinstated in her position and is doing a great job.

Renee Jenson was hired to fill the eligibility specialist vacancy in the adult assistance programs unit.

Director Long gave the Board updates regarding the child care collaborative. This project is moving ahead. They are in process of getting their license number and moving the assets transferred from Small World to the new collaborative. The El Pomar grant funds were transferred from LCDHS to Rural Solutions, a 501(c)3 entity. The collaborative has remodeling projects underway in the facility at NJC to meet the child care licensing and local health department requirements for a child care center.

The child care collaborative received a \$150,000 grant from Buell Foundation. Between all of the funding received from TANF, the child care expansion grant, and the American Rescue grant designated for childcare from the State; there is adequate funding to complete the child care facility.

Director Long said that there are some options that will be available to LCDHS to receive funds from the American Rescue Plan. All counties in the US are receiving these funds. Director Long is working out some ideas in regards to changing the way child welfare is conducted and asked the Board for approval to help with mental health concerns in the County. The Department has a couple vacant rooms that could be utilized and contracted out by mental health professionals. Commissioner McBride inquired if the County would need to accept bids for these services from entities to make it fair for all private businesses to have the opportunity to offer these services at LCDHS. Director Long said that this opportunity could be open and offered to all professional mental health individuals.

Director Long gave the Commissioners COVID 19 updates. There was one LCDHS employee that tested positive within the last couple week. Everything at the department is currently running pretty smoothly.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on June 9, 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 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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David E. Long, Director

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Byron H. Pelton, Chairman  
Logan County Commissioner

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Joseph A. McBride, Logan County Commissioner

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Jane E. Bauder, Logan County Commissioner