

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

July 8, 2020

Logan County Commissioner Chairman Joseph McBride called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Logan County Central Services building with Logan County Commissioner Byron Pelton, 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 10, 2020 were presented. Commissioner Pelton moved to approve the Board meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long gave the Commissioners an overview of the financial status of LCDHS. Karen Milner, accounting/finance supervisor has been out due to surgery and was unable to prepare financial spreadsheets.

Director Long informed the Commissioners that LCDHS received an award from the State for C-Stat Distinguished Performance. The Board took a picture with the award to be published in the local newspaper.

Director Long gave the Commissioners briefing highlights.

The Board discussed Covid-19 updates. Director Long said that there is a little more traffic coming into the building. The State has not dropped the waivers that allow the department to conduct monthly visits and business via Zoom. This is saving time and money and Director Long would like to continue to conduct business as it currently is. The Department is not required to conduct face to face interviews for clients applying for Food Assistance and is able to complete these interviews over the phone. This seems to be helpful to the clients.

Director Long said that the Bravo committee would like to have an all office celebration at Northeastern 18 on September 11th in lieu of having a Christmas party in December. This event would mostly be held outside to help with spreading staff out. The Board approved to have the event as long as Northeastern 18 is fine with the amount of people in attendance which would be less than 100 people.

The foster appreciation picnic is scheduled for August 8th. Commissioner Pelton said that this event would have to be catered and served. The staff serving the food would be required to wear masks and gloves.

The Step Out for Kids Silent Auction and chili supper is scheduled for October 3rd. In years past, the event was held at Durante's Dance Studio and has been very tight on space for the number of people and auction items. Ms. Kircher suggested the event be held at the Logan County exhibit event center for extra space. The Board agreed that this might be a good location for the event.

Director Long gave the Board an update on New Cloud's erroneous phone bill that the department was charged for. Alan Samber, Logan County Attorney and Ken Musgrave, from KCI, are working on this situation and said that the department should not be responsible for this bill.

Director Long said that the department just went through a computer refresh and also received 40 new laptops from the state for emergency situations. The laptops should be stored in a safe place and they need to be used at least once a month for state software updates. Child welfare will be using these laptops in place of their iPads.

Commissioner McBride asked about the equipment used at the Health Department for checking body temperature due to Covid-19. This is setup as a stand-alone system that does not require staff to physically check client's body temperature. He said it seems to work very well.

Director Long said that there was a childcare meeting on Tuesday, July 7th with all of the local stakeholders. There was discussion about Small World daycare and it will not be reopening. The biggest takeaway is that there is capacity for more kids at Trinity Lutheran daycare but there isn't a workforce. The salary is generally not great and this makes people not want to do this job. A decent salary needs to be available to get quality people to provide childcare services. Commissioner McBride said that there has been some discussion regarding Rural Solutions reactivating to raise funds to help with a health pool for childcare workers. They would be a financial administrator to subsidize these funds.

The Board discussed county owned land available to build a new daycare facility. The Board's first concern is to get workforce to fill the positions to offer quality child care.

Director Long said that this childcare group will meet again next month.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on August 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Logan County Central Services building in the Logan conference room.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Joseph A. McBride, Chairman
Logan County Commissioner

David E. Long, Director

Byron H. Pelton, Logan County Commissioner

Jane E. Bauder, Logan County Commissioner