

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

July 14, 2021

Logan County Commissioner Chairman Byron Pelton called the Board meeting to order at 9:01 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. Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Board meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long presented the Commissioners with the Expenditure Summaries report dated June 30, 2021, the Allocation Tracking report dated May, 2021, and the TANF Reserve Balances report dated May, 2021. There are low deficits in all categories that were over-expended in the past. Core Services is currently underspent and this has never happened since Director Long started working at LCDHS. Commissioner Bauder inquired on what to attribute this to. Director Long said that there are a few less kids and less travel due to COVID. The Department's effort to reduce the number of kids in higher dollar congregate care, less Core contracts in place, and a change in practice has helped with expenditures.

Director Long gave an overview of the TANF Reserve Balance worksheet. He thanked the Commissioner for approving the TANF grants for the local nonprofit programs to help TANF clients.

Director Long gave the Board updated information about the Logan County ARP State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund's proposed projects with RE-1, Merino, Fleming, and Peetz school districts. The Board discussed working towards the approval process. Upon the contract being completed, Director Long will present it to the Logan County Board of County Commissioners at their regular Board of County Commissioner's meeting.

Director Long gave the Board an update on the Mental Health Roundtable. Director Long said that he is getting good reception from everybody in the group. There is great effort with this group in communicating and collaboration.

Director Long gave the Board an update on the Childcare Collaborative. The facility should be opening in September. Director Long inquired about the feasibility of using some of his work time for the physical improvements being made to the childcare facility. He will be painting some of the interior areas of the childcare facility. The Commissioners approved to allow Director Long to use some work time to complete updates in the facility.

Director Long gave the Commissioners the briefing highlights.

Director Long gave the Board updates about the ICWA process and working with the courts working with children who have Indian descent. He said that the State is not in agreement with the practice used for ICWA cases at LCDHS. Director Long let them know that LCDHS upholds all laws which include working with the ICWA cases and that changing the State Rules does not change the intent of the Law.

Director Long gave the Board the staffing updates.

Natalie Nicholson was hired to fill the vacancy in the Family Assistance Programs unit.

There are three candidates that will get interviewed for the Ongoing child welfare supervisor position.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on August 11, 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 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Long, Director

Approved by:

Byron H. Pelton, Chairman
Logan County Commissioner

Joseph A. McBride, Logan County Commissioner

Jane E. Bauder, Logan County Commissioner