

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

March 20, 2024

Logan County Commissioner Chairman Mike Brownell called the Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. at the Logan County Central Services building with Logan County Commissioner Joseph A. McBride, Logan County Commissioner Jerry A. Sonnenberg, 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 February 7, 2024 were presented. Commissioner Sonnenberg 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 Summary report dated February 29, 2024, the January Allocation Tracking report, and the TANF Reserve Balances report dated January SFY 2023/2024. Commissioner Sonnenberg inquired about the current TANF contracts and what the balances are that are not spent. These contracts may have to be end dated earlier than planned due to not enough TANF funds being available.

Director Long said that Counties are not ready to sell their TANF funds yet due to not knowing what is going to be needed yet to serve their population. Director Long said that LCDHS has at least 3 options to purchase TANF funds. Commissioner McBride said that his number one chosen expenditure for TANF funds would be to help with food funding. Chairman Brownell said that he would assume that child care is a critical TANF expense too. Director Long said that time will tell regarding the TANF contract expenditures. He recommended that funding be cut off at the 30-day mark to buy funds and get out of the negative side of things. The Board agreed with this recommendation.

Commissioner Sonnenberg inquired if it is known as to how many clients take advantage of this funding source for child care assistance but do not work. Director Long said that he will find out the answer to this question.

Commissioner Sonnenberg said that he would like to have a clause in the Purchase of Services Agreement for Legal services that would include a reporting requirement that might include caseloads and positive and negative court rulings, etc. He would like to know a little more about what is going on, how things are going, and what need to be done to have better representation and better communication. Commissioner Sonnenberg is going to add verbiage to the contract for accountability. The Board agreed that the contract for legal services will be tabled until additional verbiage is added to the contract.

Director Long requested that the Board approve the ability for Logan County DHS to enter into an agreement to purchase \$50,000.00 TANF funds from Kit Carson County. Commissioner McBride moved to approve the upcoming purchase of TANF funds in the amount of \$50,000 from Kit Carson County and pay the associated MOE in the amount of \$7,500 and authorize the Chair to sign. Commissioner Sonnenberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long gave the Commissioners the briefing highlights and staffing updates.

Director Long said that Ted Desormeaux resigned from his eligibility specialist position in the family assistance programs unit. Angela Reyes was hired to fill this vacant position. She will start working in the position on March 25th.

Renee Galvin Marin moved from her position in child support over to the adult assistance programs unit.

Director Long gave the Board updates regarding the Health Care Policy and Finance incentive contract. HCPF sent this incentive contract out to the counties in March which was very delayed.

Chairman Brownell inquired about the Colorado Benefits Management System and if it is functioning appropriately. Director Long said that CBMS has been a train wreck from the very beginning of implementation. There are so many working pieces between the Counties and the State and there are always problems with the system working appropriately.

Director Long said that the HCPF Management Evaluation review will be happening soon. The State is requiring the Counties to write a number of policies. Director Long said that the Counties requested that the State make the templates for these policies to make all of the policies in the counties uniform across the State.

Director Long gave the Board information about the Colorado Community Resource program. This has been a really good prevention program over the last 5 years to help families with crisis due to unexpected events. This program ran through the Family Resource Center but now with the new CDEC cabinet position, this funding moved from CDHS and went over to that area under a different name. Family Resource Center is needing to reapply for this funding to continue the program. Director Long said that he completed a support letter for FRC to include in their application.

Commissioner Sonnenberg said that the County is going to need to be cognoscente of funding. If Proposition 50 passes, it will be tougher for money as a County.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on April 10, 2024 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 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Long, Director

Approved by:

Mike Brownell, Chairman
Logan County Commissioner

Joseph A. McBride, Logan County Commissioner

Jerry A. Sonnenberg, Logan County Commissioner