

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

January 8, 2025

Logan County Commissioner Chairman Mike Brownell called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Logan County Central Services building with Logan County Commissioner Jerry A. Sonnenberg, Logan County Human Services' Director David Long and Logan County Human Services' Recording Secretary Peggy Kircher, present.

Chairman Brownell informed the Board that the agenda needed to be amended due to additional items to be added.

Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to amend the Board meeting agenda adding Esther McNeil, concerned Logan County citizen, to discuss her child welfare concerns and discussion, review, and approval of the purchase of service agreement for legal services.

Chairman Brownell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Esther McNeil, concerned Logan County citizen, joined the meeting.

Ms. McNeil voiced her follow up concerns about issues she has had with child welfare at Logan County DHS. The Board discussed and defined the child welfare and foster care process which is defined by the State and the judicial system.

Ms. McNeil excused herself from the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Minutes from the Board of Human Services meeting held on December 11, 2024 were presented. Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the Board meeting minutes as written. Chairman Brownell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The Board reviewed the legal representation Purchase of Service Agreement. Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement. Chairman Brownell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long presented the Commissioners with the Expenditure Summary report dated December 31, 2024, the November, 2024 Summary Allocation Tracking report, and the TANF Reserve Balances report dated November SFY 2024/2025. The Board discussed the lack of funding available for the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program.

Director Long gave the Commissioners the briefing highlights.

The Board discussed the current staff vacancies in the department. There are currently several vacancies in the child welfare units.

Director Long informed the Board regarding Human Services' posting needs on the County website. Commissioner Sonnenberg said that the website will be shut down due to the County not being able to meet the legislature's handicapped requirements that will cost \$50,000.

Director Long gave the Board information regarding the Health Care Policy and Finance medical eligibility review. The process of the review has been very inconsistent and frustrating due to the requirements overstepping into the county policies. Director Long said that HCPF is considering revising the ME process.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on February 12, 2025 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 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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David E. Long, Director

Approved by:

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Mike Brownell, Chairman  
Logan County Commissioner

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Joseph A. McBride, Logan County Commissioner

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Jerry A. Sonnenberg, Logan County Commissioner