

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

January 12, 2022

Logan County Commissioner Chairman Byron Pelton called the Board meeting to order at 9:05 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 Charla Peterson, present.

Minutes from the Board of Human Services meeting held on December 8, 2021 were presented. Commissioner Bauder 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 December 31, 2021, the November, 2021 Allocation Tracking report, and the November, 2021 TANF Reserve Balances report.

The Board discussed the department's vehicle fleet. Director Long informed the Board that some of the child welfare visits and transports require traveling over mountain passes and regular 2 wheel drive vehicles are not adequate in bad weather. Director Long inquired about purchasing a 4 wheel drive vehicle due to the need or check with other county offices to see if LCDHS can borrow a 4 wheel drive vehicle as needed. Chairman Pelton said that the sheriff's department has a 4 wheel drive pickup available that can be transferred to Logan County DHS. Commissioner McBride suggested that the next vehicle that is purchased have all-wheel drive.

Director Long gave the Commissioners information about the child welfare hotline. He said using the hotline technology will help deliver a better process with child welfare referrals and cut cost. He said that the price for the service has come down and the estimated cost for the service based off of 2021 referrals will be \$9000. There is currently a full time paid position that does this job. Carrie Jackson, child welfare intake case aide, will be moving to a position in Colorado Works. Karen Richards, child welfare intake case aide, will take Ms. Jackson's job duties since she will not be taking the intake referrals any more. Director Long said that he would like to leave the intake case aide position vacant for a pilot to see if this Hotline intake process is going to be a positive change.

Commissioner McBride authorized the Chairman to sign and moved to approve a letter to the State of Colorado Department of Human Services requesting that they provide Hotline County Connection Center services on a full time basis to Logan County DHS. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Bauder moved to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Logan County and Prowers County for the hotline county connection center services and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner McBride seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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

The Department received 5 applications to fill the vacant eligibility specialist position. Due to none of the applicants being qualified for the position, the vacancy will be announced as open until filled.

The Board discussed the inconsistencies of the child welfare Trails software program.

There are still 3 caseworker vacancies in child welfare and LCDHS has not received any applications for these positions. These vacancies continue to be advertised.

Director Long gave the Board updates regarding the Office of Behavioral Health grant. He said that Logan County received \$372,000.00 and the Northeast region received a total of 2.5 million dollars out of the 9 million dollars available. He said that this is amazing and it wouldn't have happened without the Commissioners' involvement. Commissioner McBride inquired about where this money is going to come from when the ARPA money is no longer available. Commissioner Pelton said that in order to receive these funds, organizations have to be able to show sustainability of the program after the money is no longer available. The Board agreed that transparency and accountability is essential with the grant funds.

The Board discussed policies and practice in place with Centennial Mental Health. Commissioner Bauder asked if anybody locally is focusing on supporting people before they get to the mental health crisis stage. The Board agreed that there isn't anything local that supports these crisis situations.

Director Long said that the final rule came out on the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund grants. This rule went from 100 pages to 487 pages. At 11:00 this morning Director Long will attend a webinar to explain the grant.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on February 9, 2022 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 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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David E. Long, Director

Approved by:

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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