

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

February 12, 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 Commissioner James T. Yahn, 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 January 8, 2025 were presented. Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the Board meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Yahn seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long presented the Commissioners with the Expenditure Summary report dated January 31, 2025, the December, 2024 Summary Allocation Tracking report, and the TANF Reserve Balances report dated December SFY 2024/2025. Director Long gave the Board detailed financial information regarding all of the allocations. He welcomed the Commissioners to contact him if they would like to receive more details about the allocations and he will have Karen Milner, accounting and finance manager, meet with them to give detailed information.

Commissioner Sonnenberg said that Director Long joins the CCI meetings by telephone and often times he will text him if he has questions about the discussions. He suggested that the other Commissioners have his phone number in case they have questions. The Commissioners signed a proxy for Director Long to vote in the CCI meetings on behalf of the Commissioners.

Director Long informed the Board that he will retire from his position the end of 2025. He said that he will stay longer, if needed, to train the individual who is hired to fill his position.

Director Long gave the Commissioners the briefing highlights.

Director Long gave the Board information and updates regarding a child welfare case.

Director Long gave the Board information regarding the completed Healthcare Policy and Finance Management Evaluation Review. The review was based off of rules made 30 years ago and this caused inconsistencies with the Counties. These reviews are completed once every 3 years.

Director Long gave the Board information regarding the Sterling Workforce Center's inconsistent hours of operation. The inconsistent hours of operation have caused issues with clients not being able to complete Employment First program rules.

Director Long gave the Board information about staffing updates.

Jocelyn Velez-Rivera has completed the child welfare academy. She will shadow a seasoned caseworker for a couple months until she is completely trained. Esther Buchholz retired from her eligibility specialist position and this vacancy will not be filled due to the funding for this position will no longer be available after June, 2025.

There are still several vacant caseworker positions that need to be filled.

Director Long inquired about the County website and if this is still going to be available.

Commissioner Sonnenberg replied that the website will no longer be available after July 1st due to the mandated requirements that will cost too much to meet. He said that the new county website will be a basic web page with phone numbers and no other information.

Director Long informed the Board regarding the high cost of using the Work Number/Equifax and the new process of using this system due to the cost. Employees need to get their supervisor's approval before using the website. This will help lower the cost of charges per month.

Director Long gave the Board information about the Step Out for Kids fund raising event. He asked if the event can be held at the Mitchek building at the fairgrounds on Saturday, October 18th with the rental/building fees waived. The Commissioners said that if the building is available the event can be held there with all fees waived.

Director Long inquired about the county's memorial fund. Commissioner Sonnenberg said that the \$50 memorial donation will be given to employees who lose, due to death, a spouse, mother, father, or child.

Director Long said that LCDHS will host a kiosk from the City of Sterling to give resource information to clients.

Director Long told the Commissioners that they have access to all cases and information at the Logan County DHS. All information they learn about is confidential and cannot be divulged. Director Long suggested that if there is ever an incident that involves the Press, that they have him handle the interview due to his knowledge of what is allowed to be disclosed.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on March 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 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Mike Brownell, Chairman
Logan County Commissioner

David E. Long, Director

James T. Yahn, Logan County Commissioner

Jerry A. Sonnenberg, Logan County Commissioner