

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

March 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 February 12, 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 February 28, 2025, the January, 2025 Summary Allocation Tracking report, and the TANF Reserve Balances report dated January SFY 2024/2025. Director Long gave the Board detailed financial information regarding all of the allocations. Commissioner Yahn questioned some of the numbers on the reports and requested that either the percentage signs get removed or the decimals be moved in the allocation numbers.

Director Long presented a CCCAP intergovernmental agreement between Kit Carson and Logan County for Logan County to provide program assistance with the Low-Income Child Care, Colorado Works Child Care, and Child Welfare Child Care assistance. Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the CCCAP intergovernmental agreement with Kit Carson County and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Yahn seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long presented the CCCAP draft letter regarding the CCCAP Colorado's counties severe shortage of affordable, high quality childcare options. The upcoming federal changes are causing budget emergencies at the county level. The ongoing budget resources are significantly insufficient as the program only serves 9-10% of the eligible population. Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve signing onto the draft letter and authorize Director Long to make changes to the letter as needed. Commissioner Yahn seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long gave the Commissioners the briefing highlights.

Director Long gave the Board information about staffing updates.

Karen Richards, child welfare case aide, retired from her position and her last day at LCDHS was February 28th. Director Long said that this position will not be filled due to the workload being disbursed between other employees.

Director Long informed the Board that Karen Richards retired from her child welfare case aide position. He said that this position will not be filled at this time. This will help with savings in reduction in force going forward. There are still 2 vacant caseworker positions. Director Long said that he hopes that Alan Samber, Logan County Attorney, will be able to recruit an assistant attorney to help with the cases. The current law firm being used is very expensive.

The Board discussed the apparent issues between the CDHS, CDEC, Colorado Works, BHA, and HCPF. They do not communicate with each other to get services on the ground. The cost to pay the increasing number of employees in each of these agencies is extreme amounts of money.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on April 9, 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 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Long, Director

Approved by:

Mike Brownell, Chairman
Logan County Commissioner

James T. Yahn, Logan County Commissioner

Jerry A. Sonnenberg, Logan County Commissioner