

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

April 9, 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.

Minutes from the Board of Human Services meeting held on March 12, 2025 were presented. Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the Board meeting minutes as written. Chairman Brownell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long presented the Commissioners with the Expenditure Summary report dated March 31, 2025, the February 2025 Summary Allocation report, and the TANF Reserve Balances report dated February SFY 2024/2025. Director Long gave the Board detailed financial information regarding all of the allocations.

Director Long gave the Commissioners the Department's briefing highlights.

Director Long gave the Board information about the Joint Budget Committee and how Senator Kirkmeyer is shaping the JBC. He said that Senator Kirkmeyer has the ability to articulate the true nature of the funding streams and the trenches of what happens with the funding. She is reshaping the reality and the mindset of the legislature and JBC to understand what it costs to do this kind of business.

HCPF is pushing a draft of rules for counties to collaborate with hospitals, nursing homes, and other care facilities that provide any kind of Medicaid assistance. HCPF created a section that exempts small and medium counties if the Board of Commissioners does not want to create an agreement. He would recommend that Logan County opts out to this agreement since Logan County DHS already works with these facilities. The other level of this rule is the collaboration with the cost sharing mechanism.

Director Long said that on July 1st, the designation of who determines medical necessity for an out of home placement will be determined by the Regional Accountability Entity (RAE). The Board discussed the Behavioral Health Administration.

Director Long informed the Board that CDEC and CCDF received 21.7 million dollars for their budgets and this amount includes 10 million dollars for the CCCAP budget.

There is an ongoing 4.9 million dollars increase to the administration line.

It was approved to increase the detention bed cap from 215 to 254 and 10 million dollars in general funds will be set aside.

Director Long gave the Board information about staffing updates.

Crystal Jackson, Resource Supervisor, retired from her position and her last day of employment at LCDHS was March 31st. Director Long will not hire to fill the position, at this time. The caseload will be disbursed between other workers.

Commissioner Sonnenberg said that the law firm from Denver, that the county attorney is using, is interested in long term contract work. They would like to do court docket days once a month and work longer days. Director Long said that he thinks the courts are interested in reducing the docket days to 1 per month.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on May 14, 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 9:35 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