

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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## **LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES**

June 8, 2022

Logan County Commissioner Chairman Byron Pelton called the Board meeting to order at 9:03 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 Peggy Kircher, present.

Minutes from the Board of Human Services meeting held on May 11, 2022 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 May 31, 2022, the April, 2022 Allocation Tracking report, and the April 31, 2022 TANF Reserve Balances report. The TANF fund purchase from Otero County in the amount of \$100,000.00 was approved. The TANF fund should end up a little bit under cap. Director Long said that with the passage of the Bill that increases the basic cash assistance it will leave TANF in limbo for any grants across the State. This Bill increases the mandate to extend the 60 month timeline and creates a greater allowance to extend this. Director Long said that he will let the organizations receiving TANF funds know that funds available might change in the future.

The Sunshine childcare center is open for business. Director Long said that he walked through the facility the other day and everything is going very well.

Director Long gave the Board information about the Medicaid Bonus Options. This is ARPA money that the State set as an incentive for workers who process Medicaid cases. There are 18 LCDHS employees that would qualify for this incentive. Each employee would receive \$250 totaling \$4500 and Director Long thought that this could be given to them in the form of gift cards. This money has to be spent by the end of June. The Commissioners approved to give the gift cards to the workers that process the Medicaid cases.

Director Long said that LCDHS received an award at the CCI Summer conference. The award was for timely processing of assistance cases.

Director Long presented the CCCAP Memorandum of Understanding to the Board. Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long gave the Board the staffing updates.

Director Long informed the Board that Gwendolyn Buss was hired to fill a vacant caseworker position in the Ongoing child welfare unit. The Department still has two vacancies for caseworkers in child welfare that need to be filled. One of the vacancies is in the Ongoing child welfare unit and the other is in the Core Services unit.

Kendra Hooton was hired to fill the vacant position in the Child Support unit. She will start working at LCDHS on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Director Long said that there is an issue that just came up and he wanted to bring it to the Board's attention. He said that the State is issuing a rule mandating that foster parents be vaccinated for flu and pertussis. This would put a road block on getting foster parents and the county would lose current foster parents if this is mandated. Director Long would like the Commissioners approval to not mandate this in Logan County and be willing to take the negative review if the State does not approve of this.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on July 13, 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 9:30 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