

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

June 12, 2024

Logan County Commissioner Chairman Mike Brownell called the Board meeting to order at 9:04 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 May 8, 2024 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 May 31, 2024, the April Allocation Tracking report, and the TANF Reserve Balances report dated April SFY 2023/2024.

Director Long requested formal approval of the TANF fund purchase in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Kiowa County DHS. Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the purchase of TANF funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Kiowa County DHS with a MOE in the amount of \$3,000.00. Chairman Brownell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long gave the Commissioners the briefing highlights and staffing updates. Brooke McConnell resigned from her caseworker position the end of May. Makaiden Pace moved from her caseworker position in the Core Services unit into the vacant position in the child welfare Intake unit. There are currently 2 vacant caseworker positions. One vacancy is in the child welfare Ongoing unit and the other vacancy is in the Core Services unit.

Chairman Brownell brought up the report given at the CCI Summer conference regarding the CBMS State computer system. The system does not work correctly and he wonders why the system isn't replaced with a system that works properly. Director Long said that with the current philosophy in the system, it will never work correctly and the State does not have the money to replace the system. Director Long said that he can foresee the State taking over the Medicaid program in 5 or 10 years.

Director Long gave the Board information about a recent state SNAP Timeliness report. The report reflected that EBT cards were issued only 85% timely. It was determined by David Troy, assistance programs supervisor, that the report was incorrect and the percentage should reflect the timeliness rate at 96.36%, which is above the State standards. The State was contacted and they said that they are aware that the report has some incorrect information.

Director Long informed the Board about the upcoming Bravo events. He said that Bravo would like to have an event at the office to celebrate a Thanksgiving luncheon rather than having a party off site after hours due to the venues costing so much money. The Board approved the office closure for an hour so all staff can enjoy the luncheon.

Director Long inquired about the new proposed county phone system. He said that the system would not benefit Logan County DHS and is proposed to cost the department \$6,000 more per year. The current LCDHS phone system was updated not many years ago. Director Long said that it is up to the Commissioners whether they want LCDHS to be part of the new phone system. Commissioner Sonnenberg said that CTS Telecom, Phoneware, and Rodine submitted bids for the new phone system. Commissioner Sonnenberg said that they can try to make LCDHS whole, budget wise, due to the cost being more than what the department had budgeted for the phone system.

Director Long said that there is a regional reporter working with some advocates on a story about the disenrollment in medical assistance since the end of the public health emergency. She is stating that this is due to the program being county administered. Director Long said that there is no evidence that this is happening. The medical assistance case numbers in Logan County are higher than other counties and there are economic factors causing this. Many clients receiving medical assistance are moving from other counties into Logan County. Director Long said that he and staff from other counties will attend a call this Thursday, June 13th to discuss this matter with the reporter so that she has correct information prior to the information being published and presented to the public.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on July 10, 2024 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 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Long, Director

Approved by:

Mike Brownell, Chairman
Logan County Commissioner

Joseph A. McBride, Logan County Commissioner

Jerry A. Sonnenberg, Logan County Commissioner