

**Huerfano Board of Human Services
Huerfano County Department of Human Services
Minutes: September 17, 2024**



The Huerfano County Board of Human Services regular meeting was held on September 17, 2024. It was called to order at 11:30 am. In attendance were Commissioner Arica Andreatta, Commissioner Karl Sporleder, and Commissioner Mitch Wardell. Also in attendance were Department of Human Services Director, Dr. Heather Wellman; County Administrator Carl Young, Robert Gilbert, and Kim Trujillo.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Wardell and seconded by Commissioner Sporleder.

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta , Commissioner Sporleder,
Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

2. ACTION ITEMS

a. August Financials Approval

Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Commissioner Wardell and seconded by Commissioner Sporleder

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder
Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

b. August Meeting Minutes Approvals

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Wardell

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder
Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

c. Falsification Policy

Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Wardell.

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder
Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

4. STAFF REPORTS

a. Staff Reports

Adult Services Unit

New hire Morgan, Starts in Sept. Office set up. 1 Open case 3 Hallie and 2 for Joanna on cases where we help (guardianship). They are at the national APS conference in NM. Commodities has been on hold. Sept 25 will be our new distribution. Working in the system and doing well, Had the QA survey. Very educational! They passed with flying colors and received certificates.

Assistance Payments Unit

Fully Staffed, The caseload did go up, which happens each month. They did crush their application timeliness, and card in hand timeliness. They have raised those a considerable amount of time. Sending people out for training with other counties. Kathleen Dylan and Tayla have gone to Las animas for COWorks. Kathleen and Carey went to Las Animas for call center operations.

Child Welfare Unit

Staffed, About the same number of cases. Ashley is back on light duty. Start of the school year brings a large intake amount, last week roughly 4 intakes a day. 2 Foster homes, the audit happens 10/1. A Kinship audit did happen. The work is from the current unit staff. Two kids have been able to be returned to their families this month. With adoptions coming up.

Family Resource Center

Increase in referrals. Lots of training is happening. Working on putting the programming into the school, having success in Trinidad with that. CMP and oversight group making them effective. CW and FRC meeting to go over how to increase their collaboration.

Organization Updates

Working to crosstrain throughout the units. Fully Staffed. Beth is the area of greatest need as a crosstrain, or replacement. Asking for volunteers for her position. Karina and Dr. Wellman attending finance training in Breckenridge. Starting professional development with CW and other units/staff. Working on infant and early childhood mental health book study. They will get continued education for their time with the development study. Have been working on contracts and making sure we have what we need, and what isn't needed. Management eval review begins in Oct. It is going to be a lot of work. Hunger relief- numbers went down, and then came back to our normal range. Training unit has come and looked at eligibility. We are open to a pilot program for a 4 day work week.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 11:56 am was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Wardell S, W Voting: Yes: CommissionerAndreatta, Commissioner Sporleder, Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS