

Huerfano Board of Human Services
Huerfano County Department of Human Services
Minutes: May 21, 2024



The Huerfano County Board of Human Services regular meeting was held on May 21, 2024. It was called to order at 11:27 am. In attendance were Chairman John Galusha, Commissioner Arica Andreatta, and Commissioner Karl Sporleder. Also in attendance were Department of Human Services Director, Dr. Heather Wellman; and County Administrator, Carl Young, Robert Gilbert, and Kim Trujillo.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder Commissioner Galusha

Motion Passes

2. ACTION ITEMS

a. April Board of Human Services Minutes Approval

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

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder Commissioner Galusha

Motion Passes

b. April Financial Reports Approval

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

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder Commissioner Galusha

Motion Passes

c. Resignation - Lisa Powell-DeJong

Motion to approve resignation of Lisa Powell-DeJong was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by .Commissioner Andreatta

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder, Commissioner Galusha

Motion Passes

d. Contract Approval : Crossroads

Motion to approve the Crossroads contract was made by Commissioner Andreatta and seconded by Commissioner Sporleder.

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder, Commissioner Galusha.

Motion Passes

e. Approval Interim Attorney Contract (Contract Pending)

No Vote. Julie Ripperger's billing will fall under the current county attorney contract.

f. Contract Approval : DHS Director Contract

No vote pending attorney conversation and negotiations.

g. Move Krista up to Case worker 1

No Vote. It was decided to post the position.

H. Michelle's retirement

Motion to approve the Michelle Trujillo Retiring was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Andreatta.

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder, Commissioner Galusha.

Motion passes

4. STAFF REPORTS

A. Adult Services Unit

4 intakes 135 cases open. 1 Nursing home assessment.

Hallie and Joanna logging 1,000 changes before 6/14. Notifying BOCC of protected time for the unit.

Elder abuse awareness day in June. No ongoing cases, averaging 4 cases a month.

B. Assistance Payments Unit

Improving a lot! Processing apps from Sept in Dec of 2023. Now in 2024 only a couple left from April.

EBT card in hand timeliness should show a large improvement. Case loads have gone up, Shelby has completed training now, and Dylan is already working changes. Eligibility training was in Pueblo both Kathleen and Dr Wellman attended. Kathleen will be doing more protected time for herself to bring the rest of the unit up to speed.

C. Child Welfare Unit

19 open cases, totalling 24 involved children. Made a big push to return kids home with trial visits. Krista finished Child Welfare training. Still working long hours, and in July start UA in house.

D. Family Resource Center

Staying level with families and referrals. Have done multiple training with parenting classes, and partnered with CW on a very difficult case.

E. Overall Organization

Roger Green no longer doing family engagement meetings, looking for solutions to that. Crawley County has a FEM that we could sign an MOU with for short term. Phone- Voicemail does continue to be spotty.

Gobins is the only quote received back, although sent to 6 companies for quotes. 100% satisfaction for eligibility. 46% increase from last year. Comments came from clients on how helpful the department has been. Jan has not been able to train Karina, Karina has been going to Denver to train w the state, and w other counties. She completed a report that we have not been able to turn in since Oct.

5. Executive Session

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjournment at 11:58 am was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Andreatta.

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder, Commissioner Galusha **Motion Passes**

John Galusah
Chairman, HCBOCC

Heather Wellman, PhD,
HCDHS Director