

Huerfano Board of Human Services
Huerfano County Department of Human Services
Minutes: March 19, 2024



The Huerfano County Board of Human Services regular meeting was held on March 19, 2024. It was called to order at 11:13 am. In attendance were Commissioner Arica Andreatta and Commissioner Karl Sporleder and also in attendance were Department of Human Services Director, Heather Wellman; and County Administrator, Carl Young, Robert Gilbert, Kim Trujillo.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion Passes

2. ACTION ITEMS

a. Board of Human Services Minute Approval: 2/20/2024

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

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion Passes

b. Financial Report January

Motion to approve the Financial Report for January was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Andreatta.

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion Passes

c. Vehicle Policy

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

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion Passes

d. DHS Attorney Contract

Contract updated for Attorney. Vote was delayed until next meeting. Guidance given to director to seek clarification on points in contract.

To be revisited next meeting

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4. STAFF REPORTS

A. Assistance Payments Unit

Two new techs started - Dylan and Shelby. Both training very hard and learning things quickly. Dylan has brought us into compliance with Child Care. Caseloads have not demonstrably changed. Tayla and Kathleen training within CoWorks. Working on strategies to bring all applications and redeterminations current.

B. Child Welfare Unit

The department has 16 open cases representing 24 children. Dreama has completed her first relinquishment counselings. We had 100% compliance in contacts for the year, as well as audit points. The entire office team has handled this month exceptionally well. Case aide has already started, she will be taking on recruitment of foster families.

C. Adult Services Unit

Managing system challenges as well as multiple new clients. Staying busier this month than other months. Applied for APS Conference in Albuquerque, looks as though they will receive the grant to help with that.

D. Family Resource Center

8 total, 5 agencies and 3 walk in referrals. Working together to bring the offices together. Starting new programs - safe baby. Will be restarting their staff meetings.

E. Organizational Update

Almost done with evaluations. Have cleared out a new space for a new visitation room. No errors on quality assurance. Phone system continues to be a large issue. Still don't have the Equinox back in operation. Heater has become an issue within the building. EBT reporting showed to be incorrect back until Aug. but it actually was further back, doing corrections as far back as a year. Still working well with Las Animas County. State here April 22 for on site visitation. Have set yearly goals for all units. Currently fully staffed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjournment at 12:04 pm was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Andreatta.

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion Passes

Arica Andreatta, Commissioner

Heather Wellman, PhD, Director