

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



The Huerfano County Board of Human Services regular meeting was held on November 19, 2024. It was called to order at 11:04 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 Andreatta.

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

**Motion Passes**

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Approval: October BHS Minutes**

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

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder Commissioner Wardell

**Motion Passes**

**b. Approval: October DHS Financials**

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

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder Commissioner Wardell

**Motion Passes**

**c. Staffing: Michelle Trujillo -- Family Time Supervision**

Motion to approve the contract employee Michelle Trujillo was made by Commissioner Wardell and seconded by Commissioner Andreatta

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder Commissioner Wardell

**Motion Passes**

**d. Contract: Attorney for Conflicted Cases**

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

Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder Commissioner Wardell

**Motion Passes**

(This was part of June. Getting on the record for being approved. )

**4. STAFF REPORTS**

a. Total Budget Request for county funds. 429,763.38

Motion to approve the DHS Budget was made by Commissioner Wardell and seconded by Commissioner Sporleder.  
Voting: Yes: Commissioner Andreatta,  
Commissioner Sporleder Commissioner Wardell

**Motion Passes**

**b. DHS Staff Reports:**

**Adult Services Unit**

We are over our case limits, and our case aide is now on board.

**Assistance Payments Unit**

October had a big uptick in fraud. We have been working the fraud cases in conjunction with the state. Our timeliness was 81%

**Child Welfare Unit**

One Resignation: Kyle Gomez. We have opened a Case aid position.

## **Family Resource Center**

Fully staffed, Maintaining 11 Huerfanofamilies and 3 in Las Animas. Attending meetings, and supporting truancy court, play group (9-16 families) Collaborative management unit working with partners for more engaging meetings leading to creative solutions. CW and FRC restarting the family engagement meetings, that has pulled those two teams together beautifully! Encouraging the steps being taken between the units.

## **Operations**

Leap advertising is now open. Expanded Care and Share this month.

## **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**None**

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 11:43am was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Wardell.

Voting: Yes: CommissionerAndreatta, Commissioner Sporleder, Commissioner Wardell

**Motion Passes**

## **7. UPCOMING MEETINGS**