

**Huerfano Board of Human Services**  
**Huerfano County Department of Human Services**  
**Minutes: June 18, 2024**



The Huerfano County Board of Human Services regular meeting was held on April 18, 2024. It was called to order at 11:08 am. In attendance were Commissioner Arica Andreatta, and Commissioner Karl Sporleder. Also in attendance were Department of Human Services Director, Dr. Heather Wellman; and County Administrator, Carl Young, Finance Director Kim Trujillo, and Robert Gilbert.

**1. AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

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

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. May Board of Human Services Minutes Approval**

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

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

**b. May Financial Reports Approval**

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

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

**c. FRC Contract: La Veta RE-1**

Motion to approve FRC Contract : La Veta RE-1 was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by .Commissioner Andreatta

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

**d. FRC Contract: Huerfano RE-1 Truancy**

Motion to approve FRC Contract : Huerfano RE-1 Truancy was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Andreatta.

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

**e. FRC Contract: Health Department Peer Recovery**

Motion to approve FRC Contract : Health Department Peer Recovery was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Andreatta.

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

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**f. FRC Contract: Loanne Shackelford**

Motion to approve FRC Contract :Loanne Shackelford was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Andreatta.

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

**g. Las Animas/Huerfano CMA Agreement**

Motion to approve Las Animas/Huerfano CMA Agreement was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Andreatta.

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

**4. STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Adult Services**

Case reports were given. There was discussion of the need for a Case Aide. The Elder Abuse fair turn out was great. Commodities is on a waitlist.

**b. Assistance Payments Unit**

Exciting report this month. Case numbers have stayed about the same, but we have improved our timeliness. EBT card in hand has made an improvement. We are four months ahead of schedule for improvements to timeliness.

**c. Child Welfare Unit**

22 open cases, 27 kids total. Case loads remain steady. 2 Adoptions coming up. All staff in the unit have completed their required training. 100% on contacts. Visitation load has gone up 60%. Increase of 68% in referrals. Huge increase!

**d. Family Resource Center**

Had 2 referrals this month. Working with 11 families. Andrea family support center in Las animas. Working on grants and finances with Karina to close out the year. Forward together campaign. Hula has offered to share their data with us to see what we could be missing in our community.

**E. Organizational Update**

Julie is still filling in for conflicted cases with Caitlin. Working to correct systems and figure out what is missing or hasn't been done. Phone contract is taking effect soon. Dr. Wellman appointed to the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Steering Committee. Forms are being updated in the office. Digitizations kids off in July. Dr. Wellman met with the health department consultants and will meet with the health department in July. Dr. Wellman was able to meet with CDHS officials about training needs. The commissioners were updated on progress toward goals. All units are ahead of schedule.

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**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjournment at 11:50 am was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Andreatta.

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

**Motion Passes**

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Arica Andreatta  
Commissioner, HCBOCC

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Heather Wellman, PhD, HCDHS Director