



Huerfano Board of Human Services
Huerfano County Department of Human Services
Minutes: August 20, 2024

The Huerfano County Board of Human Services regular meeting was held on August 20, 2024. It was called to order at 11:25 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 Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Wardell.

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

Motion Passes

2. ACTION ITEMS

a. July Meeting Minutes Approval

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

b. July Financials Approvals

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

c. Contract: FEM Services

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

d. Contract: Therapeutic Visit Services

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

e. Core Services Plan

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

f. VSO Re-Appointment

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

Interviewing Friday for case aide position. Two new Adult Services cases, 1 open 1 closed. 137 active cases. Commodities still on hold, due to state. Case management agency areas, they have a good hold on it and feel more comfortable with the system. Going to the National APS convention in Sept for a training classes. APS review is happening now.

Assistance Payments Unit

Everything seemed to slow down this month. Working on getting CCCAP with Dylan, Shelby is still training, although managing well and close to complete. Our timeliness scores continue to improve. Carey and Kathleen went to Las Animas for training with the call center. Tayla and Dylan are going down next week for COWorks training. Olivia is back full time from maternity leave. 3 case reviews this month, all found error free.

Child Welfare Unit

20 open cases, with 6 of 18 closing in the next few weeks, hopefully done by Oct. Ashley was in an accident, she will be on leave for a while. Adoptions are Sept. Two Teens in foster care, challenging to place, working with their family outside of state. Passed the kinship audit, one getting 98%! Launched doing UA in the office, things are moving along well. New screenings for multiple software most will have to train or retrain on the softwares.

Family Resource Center

Decrease in terms of referrals, 2 referrals this last month. On going with 9 in huerfano 4 (?) in las animas. They have continued to train, and Coshi program. Annual reports completed and turned in. Participating with FRC State level training

Organization Updates

- Working on cross training position, accounting in October with Deah. Looking at cross training someone LTC applications. Restarting family planning. Budget and financial work in the office, bringing in some consulting for budget. Starting Professional Development in Child Welfare. Doing Digitizations, going through contract review. Start HCPF review in Oct. should be about 80 hrs in questions. Hunger relief did take a decrease. Ongoing meetings with the state for training.

- Allocations and budgeting: We do have all of our allocations.

CW Edu. \$15k - spent to keep kids in their educational environment when removed from the home. Didn't spend last year

Hicpuff incentive \$29k this year, customer survey feedback, and quality assurance reviews determine our incentive, with an increase of \$2k more this year.

23-24 percent spent. 0 change in county admin. 78% is all that was spent.

APS 83% \$1300 increase in allocation

CW 90% spent. Overspent in the 80/20 per the state. 79,893 increase

CORE 78% \$6271 increase

CW Pay - 100% 66% is all that's been spent last year w 1900 increase

CoWorks 111% paid from Tanf. 5% drop in sept.

CCAP 57% Spent. \$4046 decrease. Don't have enough providers to be able to spend all of the allocation.

More money in hardship and special economic relief from the budget.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 12:03pm was made by Commissioner Sporleder and seconded by Commissioner Wardell

Voting: Yes: CommissionerAndreatta, Commissioner Sporleder, Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS