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Department of Human Services

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July 27, 2021
2021 MEETING #7

The Fremont County Board of Human Services (BOHS) met in Regular Session Tuesday, July 27, 2021 in Conference Room 207 at the Fremont County Administration Building, 615 Macon, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman Grantham called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Those present included:

Kevin Grantham	Chairman	Present
Dwayne McFall	Chairman Pro Tem	Present
Debbie Bell	Treasurer	Present

Also present: Brenda Jackson, Fremont County Attorney, Sunny Bryant, Fremont County Manager, Stacie Kwitek-Russell, Director, Department of Human Services (DHS), and Tony Carochi, Director (DHS).

MINUTES: Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell to accept the minutes of the June 29, 2021 meeting with no additions or deletions. Upon vote: Board Member Grantham, aye; Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Bell, aye. The motion carried.

AGENDA: There were no additions or corrections to the agenda requested. Board Member Bell moved, duly seconded by Board Member McFall to approve the July 27, 2021 meeting agenda. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye; Board Member Bell, aye. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL/CASELOAD REPORT: Stacie Kwitek-Russell said we finished the state fiscal year within allocations with the exception of HCPF, which was covered by County Admin. After discussion, Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell to accept the June financial and caseload reports. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Stacie Kwitek-Russell provided the Board with a written report summarizing the last month's activity that has taken place within the Department. She told those present the department was approved for a Medicaid grant that will help fund key job doors for all units and privacy screens for computer monitors. Stacie then said Tracy Swindler has returned and is providing security. Lastly, she said we are still having problems with people applying for positions and she's hopeful the new pay schedule will help. After a full discussion, Board Member Bell moved, duly seconded by Board Member McFall, to accept the monthly report. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stacie Kwitek-Russell gave an update on the homeless situation. The Safe Outdoor Space (SOS) team has been meeting and have a map showing proposed locations. The church is not an option, property could be purchased from the fire department for approximately \$900k, or a back portion of the parking area owned by the county could be annexed. Commissioner Bell said they received an email from Ashley Smith discussing the increase in the homeless population. Loaves and Fishes is expanding. Tony Carochi discussed DOC inmates that parole homeless. Commissioner Grantham mentioned churches and non-profits collaborating,

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and Stacie said the point in the Safe Outdoor Space is to have structure which would help staff feel safer. Commissioner Bell then stated the board may consider it, but they need to see a proposal. Commissioners McFall and Grantham agreed.

Director Kwitek-Russell then gave an update on child welfare staff recruitment efforts. She provided a written plan for the board to review. One option was to temporarily approve overtime for exempt employees to help with the burnout they are feeling and provide extra compensation. After a full discussion, Board Member Bell moved, duly seconded by Board Member McFall, to approve a temporary policy that would allow exempt employees in child welfare to receive up to five hours of overtime per week. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first item under New Business was the appointment of the Citizens Review Panel representatives. After discussion, Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell to reappoint Ed Norden, Larry Lasha, and Ray Honaker for two year terms, Kehly Stone for a one year term, and to appoint Tim Payne for a one year term. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

Next, the 2021-2022 CORE plan was discussed. Stacie Kwitek-Russell said the plan has no changes from the last two years. Goodneighbor is still included but will be funded by TANF. The CORE allocation has an increase of just over \$15k this year over last. Board Member Bell moved, duly seconded by Board Member McFall, to approve the 2021-2022 CORE Plan. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

The last topic discussed was the staff outdoor space. Stacie Kwitek-Russell said the original budget was \$10k and if landscaping is done it will go over that budget.

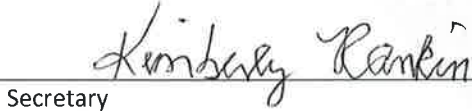
With there being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:22 p.m.



Chairman, Fremont County Board of Human Services

08/31/2021

Date



Secretary

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STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF FREMONT

ATHORIZATIONS AND PAYMENTS MADE BY FREMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSACTIONS FOR JULY 2021

\$ 2,195,705.34

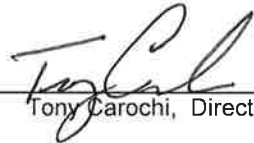
WARRANTS ISSUED JULY 22, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 25, 2021

7/26/2021	253,206.26
7/29/2021	20,102.41
8/5/2021	260,175.24
8/12/2021	31,984.69
8/19/2021	<u>270,510.97</u>
Total	835,979.57

I, TONY CAROCHI, Director of the Department of Human Services, of Fremont County, Colorado, hereby certify that the payments as set forth herein as of this date have been approved and authorized to be issued through the EBT system or warrant.

8/31/2021

Date


Tony Carochi, Director

We the undersigned Fremont County Board of Commissioners acting in the capacity of Fremont County Board of Human Services do hereby certify the above EBT authorizations and ratify the warrants issued, having been properly certified by the Director of Fremont County Department of Human Services according to law, are approved for payment. Done this 31st day of August, 2021.


Chairman Grantham


Commissioner Bell


Commissioner McFall

