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Department of Human Services

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March 30, 2021
2021 MEETING #3

The Fremont County Board of Human Services (BOHS) met in Regular Session Tuesday, March 30, 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, and Stacie Kwitek-Russell, Director, Department of Human Services (DHS).

MINUTES: Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Grantham, to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting with no additions or deletions. Upon vote: Board Member Bell abstained from voting; Board Member Grantham, aye; Board Member McFall, 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 March 30, 2021 meeting agenda. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL/CASELOAD REPORT: Stacie Kwitek-Russell stated allocations are forecasted to be underspent in some programs, and said it's because of the additional COVID funding that was received. After discussion, Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell to accept the February 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 gave a verbal report. She said the Department is having a hard time with child welfare staffing and that we aren't getting very many applicants and are losing a few employees. The front desk supervisor position is also open, and it's on the second round of posting. She spoke with Kayla Marler, Public Health Director, about bringing staff back into the office. It's anticipated that the dial will go away and that staff will be able to come back. Commissioner McFall asked how to increase the employee pool and if pay needs to be reviewed.

Stacie then provided an update on various programs. She shared there is a review in child and family services and everybody in the case is reviewed, which is a challenge. She then said the Department is no longer doing child support work for Custer County, and that the upcoming Medicaid grant is being finished up and it will soon be sent to Brenda Jackson for review.

The next topic she discussed regarded an update on homelessness and Built for Zero efforts. She stated the church is offering to put up some space for homeless, and is waiting on permits from the City. Different entities will serve as resources. DeeDee with Loaves and Fishes went to the City Council and got a match for the grant.

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Stacie Kwitek-Russell then informed those present that options for utilizing TANF funding are being reviewed. She said it may be eligible to be used for homeless programs for families, and that we may shift funding some services through TANF rather than other sources, such as developing a better Caring Dads program. Commissioner Grantham questioned the spike in TANF expense from August and Stacie said it was because of a supplemental basic cash assistance payment from the State. A plan for the next fiscal year for TANF will be developed. Lastly, she said Roger Larsen's last day is officially Wednesday, March 31st.

After a full discussion, Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell, to accept the monthly report. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stacie Kwitek-Russell approached the Board for an increase in child welfare on-call pay rates from \$50 per week day, \$100 per weekend day, and \$150 for holidays to \$75, \$125, and \$175. She said the overall increase would be approximately \$9,000 per year. She asked that it be effective at the beginning pay period in May. After a brief discussion, Board Member Bell moved, duly seconded by Board Member McFall to approve increasing child welfare on-call pay rates effective with the first pay period in May. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

With there being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.



Chairman, Fremont County Board of Human Services

04/27/2021

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 MARCH 2021

\$ 1,986,855.10

WARRANTS ISSUED MARCH 26, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2021

4/1/2021	261,057.60
4/8/2021	12,508.62
4/15/2021	261,209.97
Total	534,776.19

I, STACIE KWITEK-RUSSELL, 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.

4/27/2021

Date


Stacie Kwitek-Russell, 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 27th day of April, 2021.


Chairman Grantham


Commissioner Bell


Commissioner McFall