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February 19th, 2026
2026 MEETING #2

The Fremont County Board of Human Services (BOHS) met in Regular Session Thursday, February 19th, 2026 in Conference Room 208 at the Fremont County Administration Building, 615 Macon, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman Pro Tem, Debbie Bell called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Those present included:

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

Also present: Tony Carochi, Fremont County Administrator, Eric Bellas, Fremont County Attorney, Shawn Sutton, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Officer, Tonia Sutton, Director of Department of Human Services (DHS), and Amanda Whitt, of DHS.

MINUTES: A request was made to no longer use abbreviations in meeting minutes. Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell, to accept the minutes of the January 27th, 2026 meeting. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Bell, aye. The motion carried.

AGENDA: A motion was made to remove Item 2 and renumber remaining items. Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell to approve the February 19th, 2026 meeting agenda. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye, Board Member Bell, aye. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL/CASELOAD REPORT: It was discussed that the financials were not completed due to the Board of Human Services meeting being moved up a week and all the financial reports from the state not being received in time. Once the reports are completed, Janean, the Finance and Operations Administrator of DHS will forward for the Fremont County Board of County Commissioners. Check reversals were explained. Tonia, discussed the caseload information to include an explanation of higher child care numbers due to an extra pay period in the month of January. Tonia gave an update on the Federal Freeze stating that funding has been secured through May 31st, 2026. After discussion, Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell to approve the February 19th, 2026 Financial and Caseload Report. Upon vote: Board Member Bell, aye, Board Member McFall, aye. The motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Tonia, shared a written report regarding the current open staff positions and a summary of monthly events that were attended during the month. After a full discussion, Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell to accept the monthly report. Upon vote: Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: Tonia discussed whether Lead Worker's could cover as on-call supervisors for one week at a time. Only lead's who have completed their supervisor training would qualify. Discussions are ongoing and it will be brought back to DHS Child Welfare Supervisors for further discussion.

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With there being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.



Chairman, Fremont County Board of Human Services

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