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FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES MEETING
to be held at the
FREMONT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
615 Macon, Conference Room # 208
Canon City, CO 81212
June 26, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes of May 29, 2018
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Approval of Financial & Caseload Reports
- V. Director's Report
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Detox
- VII. New Business
 - A. Employment First

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May 29, 2018
2018 MEETING #4

The Fremont County Board of Human Services (BOHS) met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, in Conference Room 208 at the Fremont County Administration Building, 615 Macon, Canon City, Colorado. Chairman McFall called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Those present included:

Dwayne McFall	Chairman	Present
Tim Payne	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 Kimberly Grondahl, DHS.

MINUTES: Board Member Payne moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell, to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting with no additions or deletions. Upon vote: Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Payne, aye; Board Member McFall, aye. The motion carried.

AGENDA: Stacie Kwitek-Russell stated item "J" of the director's report on the agenda should say Core Service Planning and the topics of Care Portal and Safe Transportation need added. She also said under new business, there is an addition of Kathryn Larsen's contract to discuss. Board Member Bell moved, duly seconded by Board Member Payne, to approve the agenda with the correction and additions being noted for the May 29, 2018 meeting agenda. Upon vote: Board Member Payne, aye; Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member McFall, aye. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL/CASELOAD REPORT: Following review and discussion of the financial and caseload reports, Board Member Payne moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell to accept the April financial and caseload reports. Upon vote: Board Member Payne, aye; Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member McFall, aye. The motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Stacie Kwitek-Russell provided information on the following items:

- A. Boys & Girls Club Partnership
- B. Legislative & Allocation Updates
- C. Employment First News
- D. Journey Home
- E. IV-E Waiver
- F. Child Advocacy Center
- G. FIOG Update
- H. Homeless Coalition
- I. Child Maltreatment Prevention Grant
- J. Core Services Planning
- K. Care Portal
- L. Safe Transportation

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The IGA with HS Connects has been signed. There is now a delay in moving forward due to the State saying there is a software compatibility issue between the State and HS Connects for Option II counties.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stacie Kwitek-Russell stated she validated TANF funds can be utilized to support the new Detox Center. After discussion, Board Member Bell moved, duly seconded by Board Member Payne, to approve providing up to \$30,000 to the Detox Center from TANF funds this state fiscal year or next. Upon vote: Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Payne, aye; Board Member McFall, aye. The motion carried.

The TANF/CCAP MOU was presented to the Board to review and will be added to the regular June 12th, 2018 BOCC meeting for approval.

The CMOLTC contract was presented for the Board to review. After discussion, Board Member Payne moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell to approve Stacie Kwitek-Russell signing the contract. Upon vote: Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Payne, aye; Board Member McFall, aye. The motion carried.

Stacie Kwitek-Russell informed the Board that Kathryn Larsen passed her bar exam, and her contract needs revised to reflect her position being an attorney, with no change to salary or other details. After discussion, Board Bell moved, duly seconded by Board Member Payne to approve Ms. Larsen's contract revision with an effective date of June 4, 2018. Upon vote: Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Payne, aye; Board Member McFall, aye. The motion carried.

With no further new business to discuss, Chairman McFall addressed when meeting material should be submitted to ensure there is sufficient time to review prior to the meeting. Brenda Jackson stated if there is a holiday on Monday with a meeting scheduled on Tuesday, the material needs sent by Thursday before noon prior to the meeting.

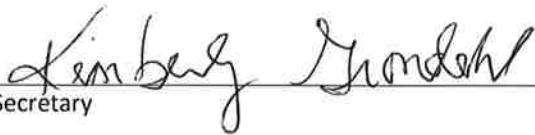
The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Chairman, Fremont County Board of Human Services

06/26/2018

Date



Secretary

06/26/2018

Date

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF FREMONT

ATHORIZATIONS AND PAYMENTS MADE BY FREMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSACTIONS FOR MAY 2018
\$ 1,594,233.10

WARRANTS ISSUED MAY 29, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 26, 2018

5/31/2018	248,478.08
6/6/2018	18,470.34
6/14/2018	252,738.68
6/18/2018	11,097.31
6/18/2018	6,459.38
6/20/2018	30,811.05
Total	<u>\$568,054.84</u>

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.

26-Jun-18
Date

Wanda Emery-Gard
Stacie Kwitek-Russell, Director
for Stacie Kwitek-Russell

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 26th day of June, 2018.

D. McFall
Chairman McFall

Deborah Bell
Commissioner Bell

T. Payne
Commissioner Payne

**Fremont County Department of Human Services
May 2018 EBT Issuance & Caseload Information**

EBT Issuance	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>YTD AVG</u>	<u>Caseload Count</u>	<u>YTD AVG</u>
TANF	\$116,173.42	\$110,277.79	312	327
AND	\$30,246.71	\$28,666.70	144	139
OAP	\$68,216.11	\$63,423.04	279	275
Child Care	\$75,002.90	\$63,736.44	135	129
LEAP	\$314,390.92	\$131,542.12	1	130
Food Assistance	\$815,538.97	\$832,129.85	3586	3610
OOH Placements	\$155,819.24	\$162,820.46	182	176
CORE	\$18,844.83	\$17,866.83	108	107
Case Services	\$0.00	\$183.00	0	1
Total EBT Issuance:	\$1,594,233.10	\$1,410,646.23		
Medicaid Transportation	\$10,798.78	\$9,564.25	98	80

Child Welfare Intake Referrals:

Total Referrals	81
Screened In	41
% Screened In	50.62%

APS:

Total Referrals:	22
Screened in	8
% Screened in	36%

Open cases with Legal Authority	11
Open cases w/o Legal Authority	23
Total Ongoing Cases	34

Check Report

Fremont County, CO Human Services

By Check Number

Date Range: 05/29/2018 - 06/26/2018

Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Number
Town & Country Mobile Lodge, CA LP	05/31/2018	470.59	176156
IV-E Client Services	05/31/2018	504.90	176157
Elizabeth Bryce Beard	05/31/2018	855.00	176158
Black Hills Energy	05/31/2018	580.21	176159
Black Hills Energy	05/31/2018	3,774.29	176160
Black Hills Energy	05/31/2018	249.20	176161
Colorado Bar Association	05/31/2018	290.00	176162
Fed Ex	05/31/2018	8.75	176163
Fremont County BOCC	05/31/2018	1,615.27	176164
Fremont County BOCC	05/31/2018	229,334.27	176165
Fremont County BOCC	05/31/2018	125.00	176166
Fremont County BOCC	05/31/2018	1,888.85	176167
AND Client Overcollect	05/31/2018	6,728.23	176168
Hidden Hills Properties 2 LLC	05/31/2018	750.00	176169
Meals on Wheels of Canon City, Colorado, Inc.	05/31/2018	465.50	176170
FIOG Client Services	05/31/2018	452.00	176171
Town of Williamsburg	05/31/2018	126.68	176172
Verizon	05/31/2018	184.34	176173
Chafee Client Services	05/31/2018	75.00	176174
PACE Ventures, Inc.	06/06/2018	9.00	176175
Canon City Youth Soccer Association	06/06/2018	150.00	176176
Canon City Chamber of Commerce	06/06/2018	462.50	176177
Canon City Recreation District	06/06/2018	140.00	176178
City of Cañon City	06/06/2018	696.53	176179
Colorado Bar Association	06/06/2018	270.00	176180
Corporate Translation Services, Inc.	06/06/2018	8.06	176181
Denver County DHS	06/06/2018	10.00	176182
Developmental Opportunities	06/06/2018	694.50	176183
Fed Ex	06/06/2018	8.99	176184
Fremont County Sheriff's Office	06/06/2018	47.84	176185
Gobins, Inc.	06/06/2018	968.17	176186
Goodneighbor, LLC	06/06/2018	8,333.33	176187
Howard Disposal	06/06/2018	47.25	176188
In & Out Conoco	06/06/2018	302.60	176189
King Soopers Customer Charges	06/06/2018	243.71	176190
Master Printers	06/06/2018	1,180.00	176191
Meals on Wheels of Canon City, Colorado, Inc.	06/06/2018	374.50	176192
Offerson Toner	06/06/2018	818.93	176193
Office Depot	06/06/2018	16.98	176194
Quality Inn & Suites	06/06/2018	94.86	176195
Rocky Mountain Behavioral Health, Inc.	06/06/2018	630.00	176196
Roland Process Service & Investigations, LLC	06/06/2018	45.00	176197
Chafee Client Services	06/06/2018	100.00	176198
SECOM, INC.	06/06/2018	230.90	176199
Jonathan K. Martinez	06/06/2018	230.00	176200
Verizon Wireless	06/06/2018	2,266.69	176201
Chafee Client Services	06/06/2018	65.00	176202
Chafee Client Services	06/06/2018	25.00	176203
Boys & Girls Club of Fremont County Inc.	06/14/2018	468.00	176204
Business Solutions Leasing	06/14/2018	914.45	176205
Colorado Bureau of Investigations	06/14/2018	395.00	176206
Colorado Interactive, LLC	06/14/2018	13.47	176207
FIOG Client Services	06/14/2018	750.00	176208
Case Service Client	06/14/2018	820.00	176209
Elite Family Fitness	06/14/2018	367.20	176210
Faricy Ford	06/14/2018	601.07	176211
Fed Ex	06/14/2018	6.94	176212
FIOG Client Services	06/14/2018	500.00	176213

Fremont County BOCC	06/14/2018	237,712.91	176214
Fremont Sanitation District	06/14/2018	520.25	176215
King Soopers Customer Charges	06/14/2018	50.00	176216
Laboratory Corporation of America	06/14/2018	304.00	176217
Offerson Toner	06/14/2018	528.04	176218
Roland Process Service & Investigations, LLC	06/14/2018	95.00	176219
Chafee Client Services	06/14/2018	222.32	176220
Sign Language Network, Inc.	06/14/2018	196.87	176221
VISA	06/14/2018	684.39	176222
Walmart Center	06/14/2018	2,000.00	176223
Walmart Community/RFCSSLCC	06/14/2018	5,588.77	176224
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	29.52	176225
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	138.58	176226
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	169.74	176227
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	41.00	176228
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	453.46	176229
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	49.20	176230
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	1,364.07	176231
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	32.80	176232
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	149.65	176233
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	27.47	176234
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	48.38	176235
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	123.00	176236
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	799.50	176237
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	153.75	176238
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	157.85	176239
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	56.24	176240
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	18.86	176241
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	111.11	176242
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	169.74	176243
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	84.46	176244
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	200.49	176245
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	68.06	176246
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	45.92	176247
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	9.02	176248
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	126.28	176249
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	29.93	176250
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	15.17	176251
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	387.04	176252
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	32.80	176253
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	84.87	176254
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	230.42	176255
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	288.64	176256
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	64.78	176257
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	38.13	176258
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	237.80	176259
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	86.64	176260
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	167.69	176261
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	98.81	176262
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	25.83	176263
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	46.36	176264
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	91.02	176265
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	95.12	176266
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	37.72	176267
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	171.76	176268
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	549.40	176269
Senior Services Solutions Plus	06/18/2018	1,424.39	176270
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	59.86	176271
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	124.64	176272
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	49.20	176273
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	186.55	176274
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	92.66	176275
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	27.88	176276
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	224.27	176277
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	796.63	176278
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	223.04	176279
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	265.68	176280

Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	82.82	176281
Medicaid Transportation	06/18/2018	131.61	176282
James Arthur	06/18/2018	35.85	176283
Nicole Bartell	06/18/2018	126.00	176284
Diane Bengé	06/18/2018	79.75	176285
Kelly Broomfield	06/18/2018	154.00	176286
Kristine Brown	06/18/2018	455.08	176287
Jenifer Burbank	06/18/2018	635.30	176288
Kora Burrell	06/18/2018	396.30	176289
Joshua Curliss	06/18/2018	45.50	176290
Kristen Feller	06/18/2018	559.23	176291
Wanda Goss	06/18/2018	142.35	176292
Mary Tina Gurule	06/18/2018	171.95	176293
Melanie Herold	06/18/2018	71.50	176294
Britni Huebschman,	06/18/2018	150.02	176295
Shannon Kinahan	06/18/2018	233.00	176296
Stacie Kwitek-Russell	06/18/2018	149.54	176297
Michelle Lach	06/18/2018	8.00	176298
Christen LoPresti	06/18/2018	144.10	176299
Shelly Mathews	06/18/2018	209.50	176300
Brooke Mecillas	06/18/2018	109.56	176301
Lynne Monahan	06/18/2018	67.25	176302
Angela Near	06/18/2018	70.30	176303
Daniel Nix	06/18/2018	62.00	176304
Kara Reichert	06/18/2018	382.48	176305
Terri Rommel-Ruiz	06/18/2018	198.34	176306
Alexis Schechter	06/18/2018	208.00	176307
Michelle Short	06/18/2018	92.50	176308
Vivian Simon	06/18/2018	30.50	176309
Kim Tauber	06/18/2018	68.00	176310
Stephanie Wells	06/18/2018	40.00	176311
Amanda Whitt	06/18/2018	54.00	176312
Anna Widger	06/18/2018	274.50	176313
Molly Willard	06/18/2018	797.74	176314
Jacquelyn Wilner	06/18/2018	145.40	176315
Kendyl Yates	06/18/2018	91.84	176316
Chafee Client Services	06/20/2018	25.00	176317
Atmos Energy	06/20/2018	81.42	176318
Boys & Girls Club of Fremont County Inc.	06/20/2018	520.00	176319
Canon City Chamber of Commerce	06/20/2018	460.28	176320
Canon City Recreation District	06/20/2018	162.00	176321
Family Crisis Services, Inc.	06/20/2018	20,000.00	176322
The Florence Citizen	06/20/2018	84.86	176323
Fremont County BOCC	06/20/2018	250.00	176324
Chafee Client Services	06/20/2018	100.00	176325
King Soopers Customer Charges	06/20/2018	2,200.00	176326
Offerson Toner	06/20/2018	55.95	176327
Prowers County	06/20/2018	4,721.00	176328
Reserve Account	06/20/2018	1,434.77	176329
Sangre De Cristo Electric	06/20/2018	615.77	176330
Chafee Client Services	06/20/2018	100.00	176331

Bank Code APBNK-HS Summary
Payable

Payment Type	Payable	Payment	Payment
Regular Checks	226	176	568,054.84
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00
	<u>226</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>568,054.84</u>

Summary Budget Report

Fremont County, CO Human Services

For Fiscal: 2018 Period Ending: 05/31/2018

	Total Budget	May Activity	YTD Activity	Remaining
Revenue				
Current Property Taxes	1,173,228.00	118,870.49	856,552.89	26.99%
Delinquent Taxes	1,500.00	1.70	656.20	56.25%
Specific Ownership Tax	183,913.00	17,771.60	78,567.74	57.28%
Other Financing Sources	80,000.00	5,649.48	29,158.48	63.55%
Intere4st & Penalties	927.00	99.26	453.50	51.08%
Program Revenues	6,892,003.00	709,952.03	2,585,136.31	62.49%
Donations	0.00	0.00	301.14	0.00%
Deferred Revenue	351,970.00	18,492.89	67,450.78	80.84%
Revenue Total:	8,683,541.00	870,837.45	3,618,277.04	58.33%
Expense				
Salaries	5,130,220.00	526,219.03	1,976,906.09	61.47%
Health Insurance	938,585.00	99,171.89	364,699.86	61.14%
Life Insurance	6,770.00	509.10	1,889.03	72.10%
Medicare	77,324.00	7,564.16	27,440.90	64.51%
Retirement	154,328.00	13,798.11	49,321.62	68.04%
Social Security	305,106.00	30,933.28	115,729.45	62.07%
Unemployment	15,668.00	1,586.96	6,345.62	59.50%
Worker's Comp	0.00	6,077.31	6,023.31	0.00%
OAP and Medicaid RMS	383,209.00	47,643.76	171,141.50	55.34%
Contract Services	319,352.00	16,925.14	94,051.62	70.55%
Speakers	900.00	0.00	800.00	11.11%
Tuition	750.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
Utilities	92,091.00	21,774.74	40,234.43	56.31%
Building Maintenance	3,600.00	0.00	5,600.00	-55.56%
Equipment Maintenance	55,084.00	906.05	5,540.56	89.94%
Equipment Rental	15,283.00	914.45	4,743.25	68.96%
Travel	126,368.00	11,104.84	42,325.03	66.51%
Client Transportation	13,000.00	230.00	1,383.11	89.36%
Advertising	1,400.00	0.00	20.00	98.57%
Telephone	53,025.00	3,156.52	14,673.50	72.33%
Printing & Forms	3,400.00	0.00	506.25	85.11%
Non-Contractual Legal Fees	200.00	0.00	181.98	9.01%
Books & Subscriptions	5,165.00	0.00	672.08	86.99%
Office Supplies	121,557.00	1,824.45	17,916.02	85.26%
Postage	26,900.00	1,597.03	8,872.92	67.02%
Document Scanning	30,700.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
Expert Witness	6,000.00	606.40	2,328.93	61.18%
Interpreter	6,400.00	0.00	379.69	94.07%
Document Destruction	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
Dues & Memberships	7,000.00	290.00	615.00	91.21%
Audit/Cost Allocation Fees	10,925.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
Vital Statistics	100.00	0.00	80.00	20.00%
Fingerprints	7,064.00	261.00	1,004.50	85.78%
Foster Parent Training	5,330.00	84.00	84.00	98.42%
Fraud Registration Fees	150.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
RMS	-361,395.00	-47,643.76	-171,141.50	52.64%
Client Service Funds	168,746.00	35,400.17	95,430.33	43.45%
Program Expense	988,045.00	52,291.13	293,645.18	70.28%
EBT Costs	10,800.00	822.50	4,112.50	61.92%
Non-Reimbursable	36,000.00	4,531.03	12,210.08	66.08%
Expense Total:	8,767,150.00	838,579.29	3,195,766.84	63.55%
Report Surplus (Deficit):	-83,609.00	32,258.16	422,510.20	605.34%

Estimated Expenditures / SFY Allocation
31-May

	Allocation	Estimated Annual Expenses	Estimated % Used
County Admin	1,001,092.25	839,761.97	83.88%
HCPF Admin	676,923.35	724,159.59	106.98%
APS Admin	267,318.34	165,739.55	62.00%
Child Care	894,004.16	891,925.17	99.77%
TANF	1,976,747.00	1,970,680.85	99.69%
Child Welfare	4,110,785.00	4,035,582.33	98.17%
Core Services	1,089,694.21	1,030,873.29	94.60%

Director's Report

June 2018

To: Board of Human Services

From: Stacie Kwitek-Russell

- Kindred Kids Child Advocacy Center is progressing quite well. FCDHS provided them with a check for \$20,000 to assist with the development of the program. The Memorandum of Understanding has been finalized and the Policies & Procedures are being reviewed by all partnering agencies now.
- Fremont County hosted the State Board of Human Services on May 31st and June 1st. We provided them a tour of the Southeast Regional Training Center and Journey Home supported housing development. We were also able to have New Horizons and Good Neighbor provide presentation on the services they provide to our community. The Board meeting was on June 1st and it was a full day. There were many highly debated rules being reviewed, including an Adult Protection Services package and the increase for Basic Cash Assistance. It was a wonderful learning opportunity and the State Board was very appreciative of comfortable meeting space and community hospitality.
- I attended the CCI Conference in Keystone on June 4-6. I attended the CWAC (Child Welfare Allocation Committee) and the WAC (Works Allocation Committee) on the 4th. There are a lot of changes to both allocation models/processes (information attached). There were great sessions on the 5th and 6th including a legislative update, "A Conversation with Jerry Milner" and a presentation from Director Bicha. I prepared a summary of the sessions for the management team and have attached them for your information.
- I attended the monthly Southeast Regional Directors' meeting in Pueblo on June 12th.
- I participated by phone for the monthly Children & Families CHSDA Subcommittee meeting, Child Welfare Sub-PAC and PAC (Policy Advisory Committee) on June 7th. I represent the Southeast Region in these meetings. We received and reviewed the Performance Improvement Plan that CDHS is going to submit to the Federal Department as a result of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR). A lot of time was also spent in all of the meetings discussing the State's plan on preparing for Family First Prevention and Service Act.
- I joined three of our managers and our HB 1451 Coordinator at a meeting with our Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) Health Colorado in Pueblo on June 18th. This was a basic introduction

to their leadership and discussion around how the transition in health coordination will look and impact Human Services. This takes effect on July 1st.

- With the State fiscal year coming to a close, we have been busy with securing new contracts with our out of home placement providers and Core Service providers for the new fiscal year. We are adding several new services to our array of offerings including Parents as Teachers through Starpointe, Caring Dads and Nurturing Parents through Good Neighbor. We are striving for evidence based or well supported practices, which all of these meet.
- We held our final FIOG (HB 1451) meeting for this fiscal year on June 20th. Our MOU for SFY 19 has been completed. Barry Action, our Special Projects Coordinator, was selected as the Child Welfare Support Team supervisor. The search for a new Coordinator has begun.
- As a member of the Tobacco Cessation Subcommittee of the Health Collaborative and in support of Public Health, I attended the Florence City Council meeting on June 13th. Boys & Girls Club proposed a ban of all smoking in Florence Parks. This meeting was for public comment and no vote was taken.
- Sunny Bryant has invited me to join the Fremont Managers group that meets monthly. I attended this month's dinner and look forward to being a part of this group. Thank you, Sunny!
- I am scheduled to meet with Brian Turner, the new CEO of Solvista Health on June 22nd.
- Our long awaited customer service training is the week of July 9th.
- I will be on vacation July 2-6, but I will remain available by phone.

CCI Conference

June 2018

CWAC

- An additional 85 caseworker positions will be allocated in the 18-19 sfy. Fremont will not receive any of them.
- There was a lot of discussion about the issue of taking out the Relative Guardianship and Adoption subsidy money off the top of the allocation. Two models were presented: one took 15% off the top of each county's allocation (this hurt the counties that spend very little in this line item) and one was to take the actual expenditures from the previous year off the top per county. This second option is what was voted on. This means that \$676,281 will be taken off the top of our allocation, rather than the 15% of \$512,565.
- The funding model was voted on and approved last fall, although there was tremendous debate and teeth gnashing since then. At this meeting, that funding formula was confirmed, but with a change in the floor. There will be a 5% floor for this next year. Our allocation will be \$4,177,230.
- With the passage of HB 254, although we chose savings in our 1451 MOU last year, it is effective immediately that we won't get to save our portion of our savings. It will revert back to the pool for redistribution.
- Also, as a result of HB 254, CWAC will be restructured with more county representation.
- The entire formula will likely change next year due to FFPSA.

WAC

- Received a presentation from Rio Grande and Conejos Counties regarding their employment program CW STEP.
- Discussion about the TANF Long Term reserves. A recent bill allows the WAC to provide a recommendation to the JBC regarding the use of those reserves. There was a lot of discussion about what overarching guidelines should guide their recommendation.

- More discussion regarding the proposed BCA increase. Again, counties voiced that if Child Welfare and CCCAP were fully funded, everyone would gladly support an increase in BCA.
- There was a discussion about mitigation. They recommended changes to the process and it was approved. So from now on, mitigation requests will first look at counties who have had high expenditures in their BCA and then counties who have 30% or less in their reserve (vs. the max of 40%). This was voted on and approved.
- There was also discussion on base building requests. Counties are allowed to request base building increases if they are continually overspent. They suggested that they will be very careful about whether they grant these requests though; they used Fremont County as an example that Steve requested and received a base-building increase several years ago and has sold TANF every year since, so clearly didn't need it.
- Allocations were voted on. Fremont will receive \$1,877,910 this year. This is a 5% reduction. It would be greater, but there is a 5% floor that prevents us from decreasing any more than that in one year.

More than just the boss-The Special Leadership role of public officials

- This was a good presentation about our role as leaders in our agency and within our community. Our behavior will be judged at all times and they emphasized that there is nothing more valuable than your reputation, so be very careful how you behave. They presented on harassment/sexual harassment and our legal responsibility as leaders.

Conversation with Jerry Milner(Jerry is the deputy director of the Children's Bureau and is responsible for a great deal of Family First)

So many great points were made...here are just a few that may inspire a paradigm shift in how we look at our work in Child Welfare.

- Reminder: kids placed with kin are less likely to be experience subsequent abuse, change placements or re-enter care. In FF, kinship care is considered prevention.
- Reminder: in child welfare, we should NEVER just look at the "incident" or just look at the child or just the PRAN. We MUST look at the entire picture and then entire family. We should look at all children in the family.

- We have a choice in Child Welfare: we can be REactive or PROactive. 90% of what we do is reactive. How many times does a family have to be reported before we ACT? One emancipated youth told him her story of CPS being called 8 times before anyone responded and her feedback was why could nobody reach out after the first call to support my mom? Support me? Support my siblings?
- We need to think of ourselves as family supportters not family fixers.
- Just imagine if the Public Health system's approach was reactive. We would never eradicate a disease. Every person with polio would be treated and we would not have immunizations to PREVENT the disease. Do car manufacturers address safety reactively or proactively? Proactively! They invest in an increase in quality of seatbelts, safety technologies, brakes, alarms...they do not invest in more ambulances. Below is link to You Tube video addressing prevention vs. intervention

<https://www.google.com/search?q=you+tube+ambulance+in+the+valley&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&hl=en-us&client=safari>

- Overall discussion about the unfortunate fact that so many CPS workers don't support families...they persecute them.
- Good discussion about when children do have to be removed, we shouldn't even look for a foster home placement until ALL family options have been exhausted...not place and then find family.
- He also stressed how he is opposed to this push for foster parent recruitment (this is buying ambulances) rather than recruiting family supports/services (this is seatbelts and safety technology).

Conversation with Reggie Bicha

Reggie gave an overview on the areas his administration in CDHS will focus on through the duration of their terms (the end of this year).

- In SNAP, as a state, we still have to improve our eligible, but not enrolled #.
- SNAP error rates still need to be improved throughout the state. They are finding the bulk of errors are due to county business processes and worker error.
- We are struggling as a State with Child Support collections. Two efforts that have proven effective are calling zero payers and teaming with impoverished non-custodial parents to assist with helping find work, contact with their child etc.

- In Child Welfare, one area of concern is that statute requires that all substantiated children 5 and under, must have their developmental screening. This is not currently happening statewide.
- He presented on the increase to BCA.

Legislative Update

HB 254-Child Welfare Reform

- CMP lost ability to save their child welfare savings
- CWAC restructure
- CWAC will hire a vendor to do a full review of the child welfare system and make recommendations to the JBC regarding a formula to best fund child welfare.
- CWAC and CDHS will provide an annual report to the JBC
- Relative Guardianships and Adoption subsidies will now be 90/10 rather than 80/20.
- The bill allows the State to ask for supplementals specifically to cover the RGAPs.
- Each county/region will need to do a study on available placement options in their community. (State can help if county needs it).
- Close out will change. There is a new "prevention fund" that will be built from unspent money from BOS counties for other BOS counties to use for "prevention/early intervention".
- A task force was created to work on Family First, Medicaid rates, tools, etc.
- AND so much more!

HB 1335-County Child Care

- There will be a market rate study EVERY year.
- Formula will change based on rates and % of total # of children eligible to receive CCCAP.
- Sets entry eligibility level at 185% for ALL counties. Exit level is 85% of STATE Median income.
- Counties must use market rates (there are some rare exceptions counties can use to get a waiver).

HB 1306-Improving Educational Stability

- This is the State bill to address ESSA. It places the responsibility to coordinate transportation for our kids with DHS. Expenses can be negotiated between DHS and schools.

- It requires that this be specifically addressed prior to a child being placed/moved with a multi-disciplinary team to determine what is in the best interest of the child. This will have to be documented clearly.

HB 1319-Former Foster Youth

- This bill allows the OPTION for counties to utilize their current resources/Core dollars (I don't understand why it's Core) to support former foster youth with things like rent, food, etc.

HB 1346-Abuse of Youth under 21

- This requires that Counties investigate allegations of abuse/neglect in institutions for youth placed under 21.

HB 1348-Foster Parent Access to Information

- Foster parents will have access to more information and it prioritizes foster children for CCCAP.

HB 1128-Protections for Consumer Data Privacy

- Counties have to have a policy to address this, including the destruction of records.