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Department of Human Services

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January 26, 2021
2021 MEETING #1

The Fremont County Board of Human Services (BOHS) met in Regular Session Tuesday, January 26, 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:

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| 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 Bell, to accept the minutes of the December 28, 2020 meeting with no additions or deletions. Upon vote: Board Member Bell, aye; 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 January 26, 2021 meeting agenda. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL/CASELOAD REPORT: Graphs were included in the board packet. Stacie Kwitek-Russell stated HCPF granted a supplemental allocation for overtime for approximately \$6k. She then discussed a prevention grant that was awarded last SFY for \$50k that funded services with Starpoint; close to \$15k was spent and the State approved the remaining dollars could be used this year. She said we are also applying for another grant for the Family First program. Lastly, she reported that the JBC is considering a cut of 1% or \$11k in Admin dollars. Board Member Bell commented on how much mileage reimbursement has dropped. After discussion, Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Bell to accept the December 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 and current issues she's focusing on. Board Member Bell said she read in the Wall Street Journal about school starting back in person due to high student suicide rate. Director Kwitek-Russell said they have been meeting regularly with RE-1 because there are about 250 students not engaged, and will be doing outreach. She isn't aware of any local suicides, but students are not registered or engaged. She then went on to report that things are settling in with the new deputies, and that they've been doing a lot of training. The deputies have sat in during different child welfare situations in the building and it has helped. Board Member McFall asked about the 6 veterans that are still on the BFZ list. Stacie said there are vouchers available with COG, but they are having a hard time finding houses. 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.

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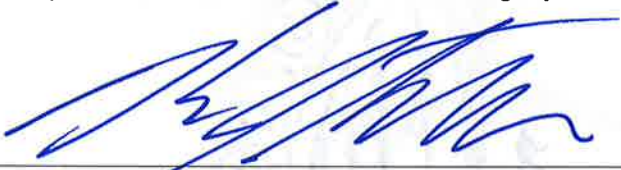
OLD BUSINESS:

Director Kwitek-Russell discussed efforts being made regarding homelessness. She said it takes a lot of people's time. Between the church next door to DHS, the street, and parking lot there are about twenty homeless people. The problem is that they need to go somewhere. Will Colon is requesting a meeting, because he owns some of that property. He had a fence put up and it was taken down and his cattle got out. He has also had theft. There's a presentation from Interfaith Alliance Colorado. They have space designated, fenced off, have tents, and provide staff for case management. It's a homeless camp with a port-a-potty and shower trailer. Board Member Grantham said when he was in Denver a safe place was kept for those that wanted to be take advantage of it, and those that were bad still caused issues. Board Member Bell asked about the liability for the land owner. Stacie said she didn't know but could ask. Board Member Grantham asked if there were ever issues with the homeless and customers, and Stacie said more issues have been with employees than customers.

NEW BUSINESS:

The last topic of discussion pertained to 2020 personnel turnover. Graphs were included in the board packet to review. Stacie Kwitek-Russell said it was a rough year for many reasons. A total of 24 staff left, which is less than 2019. This includes the reduction of Single Entry Point (SEP) employees. Many of the employees moved or retired.

With there being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.



Chairman, Fremont County Board of Human Services

02/23/2021

Date



Secretary

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Date

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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 JANUARY 2021

\$ 2,007,714.44

WARRANTS ISSUED JANUARY 22, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 18, 2021

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| 1/28/2021 | 5,502.72 |
| 2/4/2021 | 265,416.05 |
| 2/10/2021 | 5,543.20 |
| 2/18/2021 | 250,460.69 |
| Total | 526,922.66 |

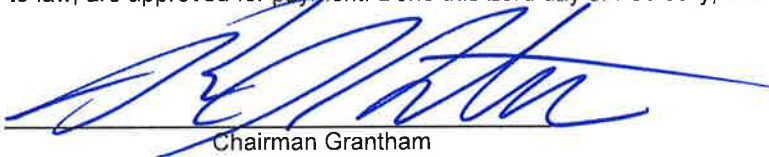
I, STACIE KWITEK-RUSSELL, Director of the Department of Human Services, of Fremont County, Colorado, hereby certify that the payments as set forth herein as of this date have been approved and authorized to be issued through the EBT system or warrant.

2/23/2021

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 23rd day of February, 2021.


Chairman Grantham


Commissioner Bell


Commissioner McFall