



Board Summary Report

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Cheryl Ternes, Director, Human Services

Prepared By:

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Subject:

Approval of the SFY 2024-2025 Core Services Program Plan

Purpose and Request:

The County Department of Human Services is statutorily required to have their Board of County Commissioners review and sign the Core Services Program Plan to receive funding for such services from the Colorado Department of Human Services. The County Director and the Placement Alternatives Commission are also required to sign the plan. This was presented for BOCC Study Session on July 23, 2024, and approved to schedule for BoCC consent.

Background and Discussion: Each county department of human services within Colorado is required to assure access to services for children and their families who are at risk of out-of-home placement, or to prevent continued involvement with the child welfare system, or to serve former foster youth. Such services shall include, but are not limited to, assessment, intervention, treatment, supervision, and shelter. Those services, as contracted by each county, shall be outlined in the Core Services Plan, a three-year plan which must be submitted to the state department of human services, and re-submitted annually for budgetary or programmatic changes that are necessary to enhance service delivery or otherwise deemed necessary to accomplish the goals of the plan. Each county is required to have an established Placement Alternatives Commission (PAC) to hold periodic meetings to evaluate these services and be afforded the opportunity to identify any recommended changes to such services, as well as assess the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of the services. The commission shall consist of a physician/licensed health professional, an attorney, law enforcement agency, court, probation, the county department of human services, mental health clinic, county public health agency, representative from a school district specializing in special education, community centered board, residential child care facility and a private nonprofit agency providing nonresidential services for children and families, a representative specializing in occupational training or employment programs, a foster parent, and one or more representatives of the lay community.

Our PAC is combined with our Collaborative Management Program (CMP) as allowed statutorily. The Board of County Commissioners are required to review and approve the plan prior to submission of the plan to the state department. Once submitted to the state department, the state department is required to reimburse county departments of human services for 80% of the expenditures. This meeting is to review year three of the three-year plan (2022-2023 was submitted in August 2022, 2023-2024 was submitted in August 2023 and 2024-2025 is due in August 2024.

Alternatives: Not Applicable

Fiscal Impact: None

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- Be fiscally sustainable
- Provide essential and mandated service
- Be community focused

Concurrence: Michael Valentine, Deputy County Attorney, Human Services

Resolution: Attached is a copy of the draft resolution.