



Legislation Text

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To: Board of County Commissioners

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Subject:

1:15 PM *Colorado Works Memorandum of Understanding

Purpose and Request:

The Board of County Commissioners is requested to authorize the Chair to execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for Colorado Works (CW) between Arapahoe County and the Colorado Department of Human Services Division (CDHS).

Background and Discussion: Arapahoe County Department of Human Services requests that the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to sign the Colorado Works (CW) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This MOU is between Arapahoe County and the Colorado State Department of Human Services (CDHS) for the term from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 and identifies the County's duties and responsibilities in implementing the Colorado Works program. The MOU must be reaffirmed annually through an amendment signed by both parties.

Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) 26-2-715 requires the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) to enter into an annual performance contract with each county to identify its duties and responsibilities in implementing the Colorado Works/TANF Program and the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP). The BoCC had approved a previous version of the MOU on June 14, 2021 which was for 3 years, but with the creation of the Colorado Department of Early Childhood, the CCAP portion of the MOU was removed requiring a new MOU for the Colorado Works/TANF Program. The separate CCCAP MOU has not yet been

finalized.

County Commissioners, County Attorneys and County Human Services Directors have previously met with CDHS officials to reach an agreement on the language for the Colorado Works MOU. The agreement has been reached and the MOU is ready for BoCC signature.

Overall, the changes to this MOU are merely technical changes and the terms of the MOU remain legally and practically the same. The previous MOU expiring June 30, 2021 was extensively rewritten in a collaborative process between the State and counties prior to signature in 2018. Due to those efforts, and due to the removal of the CCAP portion of the prior MOU, only minor, technical clean-up changes were made.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Alternatives: None.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

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

Staff Recommendation: N/A

Concurrence: N/A