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Board Summary Report

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Dan Makelky Director, Human Services

Prepared By:

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Presenters:

Dan Makelky, Director, Human Services; Jessica Williamsen, Child & Adult Protection Services Division Manager, Human Services; Nicole Brown, Child & Adult Protection Services Section Manager, Human Services; Joleta Gatton, Child & Adult Protection Services Provider Services Administrator, Human Services

Subject:

2:30 PM *Approval of the SFY 2026-2027 Core Services Program Plan

Purpose and Request:

The Arapahoe County Department of Human Services is statutorily required to have their Board of County Commissioners review and sign the Core Services Program Plan in order 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. Staff requests that the Board approve adding this to the consent agenda for formal authorization.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Economic Resilience and Stability - Support long-term economic resilience through responsible fiscal and investment strategies.

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 is 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.

Alternatives: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Core Services programs are state funded and the Arapahoe County Department of Human Services, Division of Child and Adult Protection Services, receives an annual allocation sufficient to support the program. The Core Services Allocation for 2026-2027 is \$5,877,934 which includes 100% state funding of \$2,307,032 and 80% state funding of \$3,570,902. The county share is \$714,180.40, which comes from property tax for Human Services. The Core Services Program Plan as written totals \$5,924,989 which is \$47,055 more than the allocation provides. This allocation will be closely monitored to ensure we spend within our allotted amount. There is also a close-out process at the end of the state fiscal year which would allow for surplus distribution from other counties who have underspent their allocations.

Alignment with Strategic Implementation Strategies: N/A

Staff Recommendation: The Department of Human Services requests that the BOCC approve adding this item to the consent agenda for authorization of the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to sign the Core Services plan for SFY 2026-2027.

Concurrence: Michael Valentine, Deputy County Attorney, Human Services; Todd Weaver, Finance Director.