

Monthly Director's Report to Board of Social Services



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- Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP): We are updating our plan to outline how we would continue to provide mandatory agency functions if we had to operate from within our building with restrictions or if we had to operate from another location or from home. The timing of this update is specific to the possibility of a Coronavirus Disease Pandemic; but will also address a natural disaster that could impact our building and operating systems. We will update our 1) Initial Response 2) Stabilization and 3) Recovery.
- Public Charge: This is a term used in immigration law to determine whether a person is likely to become dependent on the government for support and is used as one of several factors to determine whether a person can enter the US or get a green card (lawful permanent resident "LR" status). The rule changes how immigration offices make public charge decisions. Immigration officials will look more closely at factors like health, age, income, skills (including English language skills), and use of public programs, including:
 - ~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, "EBT" or Food Stamps)
 - ~ Federal Public Housing and Section 8 assistance
 - ~ Medicaid (except for emergency services, children under 21 years, pregnant women, and new mothers)
 - ~ Cash assistance programs (like SSI, TANF, General Assistance)Benefits listed below will **NOT** be counted in the new public charge test:
 - ~ WIC
 - ~ the ACA/Obamacare
 - ~ School lunches
 - ~ Food banks
 - ~ Shelters, and othersAdditional information can be found at: www.ncjustice.org/public-charge
This rule became effective on February 24, 2020.
- We Are Hope Week: Enclosed is a hand-out on the activities planned for the week of March 30 through April 3, 2020 and information about the March 18th County Commissioner's Proclamation.

Employees of the Month: The March Employees of the Month list is attached.