

**LA PLATA COUNTY
POSITION DESCRIPTION
VOLUNTEER – CORE SERVICES – THERAPEUTIC AND LIFE SKILLS COMMISSION**

Strategic Plan Alignment: Thriving Families and Healthy Community

Purpose: The Core Services - Therapeutic and Life Skills Commission shall annually prepare a plan for the provision of out-of-home placement alternatives services. The primary goals under the plan shall be to prevent imminent placement of children out of the home and to reunite children who have been placed out of the home with their families.

Duties:

- a. Evaluate the family preservation program within the county;
- b. Annually prepare plan for the provision of services;
- c. Prepare multi-year plans for services and amend them annually, where necessary for programmatic or budgetary changes;
- d. Review, on an ongoing basis, the effectiveness of programs designed to prevent or reduce placement of children in foster care;
- e. Report all findings to the Board of County Commissioners annually.
- f. Submit an annual report to the executive director of the state department.

Full Resolution creating the Core Services-Therapeutic and Life Skills Commission can be found in the La Plata County Code in Resolution No.2009-41.

Qualifications:

1. All members must be residents of La Plata County;
2. Where possible, the Core Services-Therapeutic and Life Skills Commission shall be comprised of:
 - a. A physician or other licensed health professional;
 - b. An attorney;
 - c. Representatives from local law enforcement;
 - d. Representatives from the court and probation department;
 - e. Representatives from the Department of Human Services;
 - f. Representatives from a local mental health clinic;
 - g. Representatives from the local public health department;
 - h. Representatives of a local school district specializing in special education;
 - i. Representatives of a local community centered board;
 - j. Representatives of a local residential child care facility;
 - k. Representatives of a private not for profit agency providing nonresidential services for children and families;
 - l. Representatives specializing in occupational training or employment programs;
 - m. A foster parent;
 - n. One or more representatives of the lay community;
3. At least six of the twelve members must represent the private sector.

Personal Commitments:

1. To attend all meetings of the Core Services -Therapeutic and Life Skills Commission unless previously excused by the Chair;
2. To follow the direction and formal guidance of the Board of County Commissioners;
3. To be well informed and prepared to discuss the proposed issues and business at scheduled meetings, including having read all materials relevant to the topic at hand prior to the meetings;

4. To fully participate in meetings of the Core Services -Therapeutic and Life Skills Commission;
5. To avoid any conflicts of interest or circumstances which would create a perception of impropriety;
6. To observe local, state and federal laws, particularly open meetings and open records laws;
7. To cooperatively work with and respect the opinions of other Core Services -Therapeutic and Life Skills Commission members;
8. To treat all constituents and staff members with honor, dignity and respect;
9. To avoid the acceptance of any gifts or favors related to one's service in this position;
10. To honor and comply with the La Plata County Code of Ethics Policy (attached);
11. To attend at least one Boards and Commissions volunteer orientation during the duration of my appointment.

I understand and agree to abide by these personal commitments and understand that I serve at the pleasure of the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____