

Commissioners approve \$30,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs

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The Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Board of Social Services, approved about \$30,000 in funding to Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County during their work session Feb. 12.

The funding will be spread out into monthly payments between February and June to help with general programing.

Commissioners heard from the county's Department of Human Services about renewing a contract with the Boys & Girls Clubs and reinstating an Interagency Oversight Group (IOG) as "strongly encouraged" by the state of Colorado.

No action was needed in regard to reinstating an IOG at this time. Commissioners were informed that in March, their signatures will be required to secure grant funding for the IOG.

Acting as the Board of Health, commissioners heard from Andrea Carlstrom, director of

Chaffee County Public Health.

Carlstrom spoke about various upcoming programs and events, including the Mountain Mama Summit, the Home and Garden Show and a car seat giveaway and informative session to be held at the end of February.

She also spoke about the mental health crisis and how her department plans to help, with plans to procure funding to qualify teachers as teen mental health professionals. The program is part of a partnership involving Salida schools, the Public Health Department and Solvista Health.

Sitting as the Board of County Commissioners, commissioners heard a presentation from Michael Rigby of Colorado Energy Carbon Management Commission, who said he's hesitant to speak on geothermal energy regulations because it's speculative at this time.

At this time no geothermal projects have been proposed for the county.