

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2013**

The October 15, 2013 meeting of the Gunnison/Hinsdale Board of Human Services was held in the Commissioners' boardroom in the Courthouse located at 200 E. Virginia, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson
Susan Thompson, Vice-Chairperson
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner
Paula Swenson, Commissioner

Renee Brown, Health and Human Services Director
Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board
Other Persons Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Chamberland called the meeting to order at 10:25 am

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the September 17, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Senior Accountant Maureen Eden presented the financial report for the period ending August 31, 2013 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

INSURANCE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY: HHS Health and Human Services Director Brown stated that open enrollment pursuant to the Affordable Care Act began on 10/1/13. There have been lots of applications, which is helping her department to meet one of her strategic goals. There are currently 1,300 Medicaid recipients, which is expected to increase after Medicaid expansion since an additional 750 people may be eligible. Each technician can manage between 350 and 450 cases, so this expansion would normally warrant an additional two employees. Her department has continued to optimize efficiencies by taking advantage of alternative ways of providing services, such as electronically via email or the website. She has requested, via the proposed budget, staff additions of a customer support employee and a technician. The customer support staff person will complete initial intake and refer the incoming requests to other staff members, as appropriate, as it is believed that as many as 80% of the additional eligible applicants will qualify for other assistance such as food assistance. To educate the public, her staff has been holding community forums, working with medical providers, publishing information in the newspapers and loading materials onto the website.

FINANCIAL REQUESTS/SUPPLEMENTALS RELATED TO MEDICAID ENROLLMENT AND CHILD WELFARE: HHS Director Brown explained that two Casework I employees now have their Masters Degrees and quality for reclassifications to Caseworker II. The requests have been loaded into the proposed budget.

FEDERAL FUNDING RELATED TO SHUTDOWN: HHS Director Brown provided hard copies of an impact summary, and a copy was added to the meeting packet. Since the meeting was running short on time, she briefly explained that there are no imminent concerns.

COLORADO PRACTICE MODEL AND CROSSOVER YOUTH: HHS Director Brown confirmed that her department is moving forward with the Colorado Practice Model for quality improvement. Every county in Colorado has now implemented the Colorado Practice Model. She also explained that the crossover between Juvenile Services and the 7th Judicial District is targeting youth that are dually adjudicated, which has been approximately 40 youth over the past few years.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for November 19, 2013.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved November 19, 2013:

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson