

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 17, 2013**

The December 17, 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 9:30 am. Commissioner Thompson arrived at 9:37 am, which was immediately following the approval of the monthly financial reports.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** There were no changes to the agenda.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the November 19, 2013 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Staff Accountant Maureen Eden presented the financial report dated October 31, 2013 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the October 31, 2013 financials. Motion carried unanimously.

**COLORADO COUNTIES, INC. (CCI) and COLORADO HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION REPORTS:** HHS Director Brown asked the commissioners if they would like for her to continue in her role as proxy for the Health and Human Services Subcommittee, representing both Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties. Commissioner Thompson informed the Board that Hinsdale County is in favor of this continued proxy. The Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners was scheduled to approve this proxy later in the day. HHS Director Brown thanked all of the commissioners for their confidence in her.

HHS Director Brown provided the following updates to the Board:

1. Child Welfare Allocation. Three incentives have been designated. Those are: 1) Finding permanency for children; 2) Keeping children safe, as evidenced by no recurring abuse; and 3) Timely closure of assessments. She noted that Gunnison County has been tracking relevant data and is on target to hit 100% for all three incentives.
2. Colorado Works Allocation. HHS Director Brown informed the Board that funding increased slightly over the past year and that it is solid.
3. CSU Role; State-Level Child and Family Services. HHS Director Brown stated that research is being accomplished relative to the State's 4,600 child-welfare cases.
4. Hot Topics Session. HHS Director Brown stated that legislation was reviewed during this discussion. She opined that input from the County Attorney's Office might be warranted at the start of the process before a bill becomes a law.
5. Commissioner Panel on Committee Work. The training academy has been regionalized. Prevention and support measures have been identified.
6. Child Welfare Hotline. HHS Director Brown stated that she will need to obtain additional information before making any suggestions. She noted that some of her questions are related to the implementation of the hotline.
7. System Learning Collaboration. HHS Director Brown confirmed that \$20,000,000 in funds to strengthen emergency responses to mental health situations was designated by the Governor's office this year.

**HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT UPDATE:** HHS Director Brown explained that 37,000 enrollees in Connect for Health are eligible for the tax credit, and 114,192 Medicaid applicants are in the queue for Medicaid eligibility beginning on 1/1/14. In 2010, Gunnison County processed 1,036 applications for public assistance. That number is projected to increase to 2,387 for CY 2013.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting was scheduled for January 21, 2014.

**ADJOURN:** **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

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Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved January 21, 2014:

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Phil Chamberland, Chairperson