

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2014**

The April 15, 2014 meeting of the Gunnison/Hinsdale Board of Human Services was held in the Planning Commissioners' meeting room located at 221 N. Wisconsin Street, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson	Renee Brown, Health and Human Services Director (ABSENT)
Susan Thompson, Vice-Chairperson	Matthew Birnie, County Manager (ABSENT)
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner	Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board
Paula Swenson, Commissioner	Other Persons Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Chamberland called the meeting to order at 10:36 am.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the March 18, 2014 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Staff Accountant Maureen Eden presented the financial reports dated January 31, 2014 and February 28, 2014 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to accept the monthly financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATE: Child and Family Services Manager Greg Meier and Caseworker II Laura Rascon were present for discussion.

CFS Manager Meier informed the Board that his staff is trying to develop some statistical measures related to safety, permanency and wellbeing that will be consistent with what is measured at the State level. During the last year, he has also shifted this focus in order to create related measures. The program's key measure tracks the percentage of children and youth who have a founded finding of abuse or neglect who do not have had a founded finding within the previous six months. During 2013 and thus far in 2014, his staff has achieved a 100% success rate for this key measure, which he attributes to reviews that he and the intake workers are performing.

CFS Manager Meier informed the Board that there are currently seven foster homes located in Gunnison County, and that two additional homes are pending. At this time, only two children are in foster care within the County. His staff will try to focus on ethnic foster home needs in the near future as this is an identified issue. Caseworker II Rascon noted that the most difficult barrier to child permanency is insufficient funding.

CFS Manager Meier provided some examples of recent success that he and his staff have achieved with regard to child placements. Deputy County Attorney Art Trezise, present for discussion, congratulated the team on their diligence and tenacity in pursuit of healthy options for children. CFS Manager Meier added that Deputy County Attorney Trezise's assistance has been extremely valuable to the process.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for May 20, 2014.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved May 20, 2014:

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson