

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2014**

The December 16, 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
Susan Thompson, Vice-Chairperson	Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner (ABSENT)	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 9:50 am.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the 11/18/14 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Staff Accountant Maureen Eden presented the financial report dated October 31, 2014 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the 10/31 financials. Motion carried.

INSURANCE ENROLLMENT: HHS Director Brown informed the Board that there were 2,758 Medicaid cases as of October; 184 of those are Hinsdale County cases. There were 400 enrollments in Connect for Health Colorado during the first month of enrollment, which indicates that 91% of eligible people in Gunnison are enrolled. Commissioner Chamberland asked if there have been any issues related to access to healthcare, and HHS Director Brown explained that the major issue is related to access to oral health care because there aren't any local dentists who accept Medicaid for adults. She noted that children's Medicaid is less of an issue.

CHILD WELFARE PRESENTATION: HHS Director Brown summarized the presentation that was given at the annual Colorado Counties, Inc. Winter Conference earlier in the month. A copy of the materials were included in the packet.

HHS Director Brown informed the Board that her staff will be receiving training related to the hotline, which is scheduled to implement on 1/1/15. She noted that the lack of cellular coverage in our area will be a challenge. Even though the State expects a 20% increase in referrals and possible caseload, she stated that her office is sufficiently staffed at this time.

STAFFING: HHS Director Brown informed the Board that a temporary part-time Child Welfare Manager has been selected to assist the County while it is without a permanent manager. Caseworker III Marilyn Cheever will be attending supervisory training during the month of January in case additional assistance is necessary before the position is filled.

HINSDALE COUNTY GIFT BASKET: Commissioner Thompson presented a gift basket from Hinsdale County to HHS Director Brown for all of her assistance throughout the years. She confirmed that her Board also designated HHS Director Brown as their Colorado Counties, Inc. proxy to the Health and Human Services Steering Committee, and that her Board will follow up with designation of HHS Director Brown's successor, once hired.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for January 27, 2014.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved February 17, 2014:

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson