

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2015**

The June 16, 2015 meeting of the Gunnison/Hinsdale Board of Human Services was held in the Board of County Commissioners' meeting room located at 200 E. Virginia Avenue, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson	Joni Reynolds, Health and Human Services Director
Susan Thompson, Vice-Chairperson (via phone)	Matthew Birnie, County Manager
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 10:01 am.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the April 21, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS UPDATE; NEW CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL MEMBER APPOINTMENT: HHSD Reynolds explained that this is for an annual review of the process and that all agencies have a dispute resolution process. One of the persons that is listed to serve on the three-person citizen panel has left the area recently, and another of them has been gone for many years. She noted that the Director cannot influence who is appointed. She will find out if there may be anyone in Hinsdale County that would like to serve, and Commissioner Houck suggested that she also see if anyone in the Crested Butte area would like to serve. The term of service would be indefinite, or until the person resigns or is no longer available. The Board also asked her to see if Greg Meier might be willing to serve.

STAFF UPDATE: HHSD Reynolds informed the Board that Karin Stewart's last day of employment with Gunnison County will be 6/19/15. Ms. Stewart is relocating and will begin work for Delta County. HHSD Reynolds has assigned Dawn Delaney as the interim person from the staff who will assume Ms. Stewart's former duties in the interim.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: HHSD Reynolds informed the Board that, of the issues discussed during the last meeting, all of them passed except for an adult protection bill associated with intellectual or developmental disabilities for adults over 18 years old. She also noted that the child-protection ombudsman bill will be moved to the Judicial Branch by 1/1/16. The legislative session is now over.

HHSD Reynolds informed the Board that she spoke with the State regarding the possibility of approximately \$8,000 in additional funding for Veterans' Services. Acceptance of this funding should not increase the workload, though reporting requirements would be added. She spoke with the current Veterans' Services Officer, Al Falsetto, about this possibility. Mr. Falsetto hasn't attended the statewide meetings, and he primarily focuses on older veterans and not the veterans from recent wars. He also works primarily over the phone, and he only reports to the Board when he reapplies for the position. County Manager Birnie opined that his position probably needs to reside in DHHS for structural purposes. Although he has no concerns with Mr. Falsetto's work, he stated that the County probably has an underserved population.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for August 18, 2015.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved August 18, 2015:

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson