

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 18, 2015**

The August 18, 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 10:28 am. County Attorney David Baumgarten and Deputy County Attorney Gretchen Stuhr were present for discussion.

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the June 16, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**2016 COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT CHANGES:** HHSD Reynolds explained that the State has changed the distribution formula, which should result in an increase in the amount of funding that Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties receive. This money is generally used when other funding sources are not available, and the Department shares the funding with the Sheriff's Office and the City of Gunnison Police Department to assist people with food or housing to get through a crisis. Approximately \$40,000 will be received in 2016, and the funding will increase to \$52,000 in 2017.

**STAFFING UPDATE:** HHSD Reynolds informed the Board that a new Senior Resource Specialist has been hired. Kelsey VanderVeen has submitted her resignation, so the Department will also need to fill the supervisor role.

**CHILD WELFARE INVESTIGATION DEFINITION/SUMMARY DOCUMENTS:** HHSD Reynolds explained that CA Baumgarten reviewed the provided information with her that was included in the packet. She gave a brief overview during the meeting.

**GUNNISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS; APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL MEMBERS; GREG MEIER; SHAWNA SHIDLER:** HHSD Reynolds reminded the Board that, during a previous meeting, she was asked to contact Mr. Meier to determine whether or not he would be willing to serve in this capacity. Mr. Meier has an extensive background in this type of work, and she confirmed his willingness to serve. Commissioner Thompson stated that Ms. Shidler would be a good addition to the Panel since she has a varied background and is currently working with the school district as a nurse. HHSD Reynolds also confirmed that Ronda Connaway is interested in continuing to serve on the Panel. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to appoint both Greg Meier and Shawna Shidler to the Health and Human Services Dispute Resolution Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUICIDE PREVENTION:** HHSD Reynolds informed the Board that she has been working with Juvenile Services Department Director Janet Reinman and others on issues related to suicide prevention. Commissioner Chamberland stated that Western State Colorado University would also like to assist. HHSD Reynolds said that a crisis community group has begun meeting through Gunnison Valley Health, and that some resource information was made available through the State. Commissioner Houck opined that, since kids spend a great deal of time online in social environments, there might be a way to use this to positively reach youth.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting was scheduled for October 20, 2015.

**ADJOURN:** **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

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Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved December 15, 2015:

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Phil Chamberland, Chairperson