AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Draft HS Board Minutes; 2/21/2017

Action Requested: Motion

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

Attached are the draft meeting minutes for consideration.

Fiscal Impact: None

Submitted by: Katherine Haase **Submitter's Email Address:** khaase@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reveiwed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ○

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 4/26/2017

○ Consent Agenda ◉ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 1

Agenda Date: 6/20/2017

Revised April 2015

GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2017

The February 21, 2017 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
Susan Thompson, Vice-Chairperson (ABSENT)
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner
John Messner, Commissioner
Joni Reynolds, 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 9:41 am.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

1. December 20, 2016 Regular Meeting. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Chamberland to approve the meeting minutes for the December 20, 2016 Board of Human Services meeting. Motion carried. Commissioner Messner abstained from the vote because his commission had not yet started in December.

2017 BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES MEETING AGENDA PLAN REVIEW: HHSD Reynolds shared the proposed 2017 calendar, and the Board agreed with the draft schedule.

SERVICE DELIVERY TO NON-DOCUMENTED RESIDENTS: This impromptu discussion was related to service delivery to legal and illegal residents. The Board asked if the recent national focus on illegal immigration had negatively impacted the numbers of residents seeking assistance with immunizations, child abuse and domestic abuse issues, due to fear of DHHS involvement. HHSD Reynolds noted that the immunization rate had not seen a decline, and rates related to the other types of assistance would likely be available soon.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING OVERVIEW: HHSD Reynolds shared information that outlined her department's funding sources; the department receives approximately $5,941,997 annually from all sources, the majority of which comes from our State (52%) and Federal (28%) governments.

STAFFING UPDATES: HHSD Reynolds reminded the Board that Child Support Specialist Sherri Deetz would be retiring in March. Maggie Nielson, her replacement and a local attorney, has begun transitioning from her law practice. Marilyn Cheever will assume the management position in Child Welfare next month, and Matt Estrada will be here full time in June. Steve Otero, the new Veterans' Services Officer, has started his employment. He is presently working to identify the veteran community and any service gaps that may exist.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) FUNDING AND PRIORITIZATION UPDATE: HHSD Reynolds reminded the Board that her department has historically run out of these funds within the first nine months of the year. Last year, her staff instituted monthly targets to stretch the funding through the last quarter, and the effort worked well. Staff also works closely with the faith community to help coordinate assistance. CSBG funds are also used as emergency funding, so her staff will begin looking at the program on a long-term basis in order to identify those specific families who are receiving emergency funds every year to determine whether other types of assistance may also be beneficial.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: HHSD Reynolds shared the restaurant inspection seal graphics that were recently discussed at Colorado Counties, Inc. The seals identify and communicate restaurant inspection results for pass, re-inspection due, and closure statuses. Also discussed during the recent CCI meeting were federal funding and provider rates. The County occasionally places a youth in the care of the Brown Center, and those rates have risen, but the possibility exists that rates may be lowered in the future as the Brown Center's profits and losses even out.

MENTAL HEALTH HOLD TASK FORCE BUDGET REQUEST: Commissioner Messner asked for HHSD Reynolds' input on this request for an allocation of $3.5M of marijuana tax cash funds for statewide training and regional coordination of a crisis response team. She opined that $3.5M, after it has been divided and distributed to all 64 counties, may not equate to a lot of local assistance. She will gather more information, and then provide it during the Crisis Coalition's update to the Board on 2/28.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2017.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

DRAFT

Minutes Prepared By:

_____
Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved (insert date):

_____
Phil Chamberland, Chairperson

DRAFT