

GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
October 15, 2019

The October 15, 2019 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:

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| Jonathan Houck, Chairperson | Joni Reynolds, Health & Human Services Director |
| Susan Thompson, Vice-Chairperson (VIA PHONE) | Matthew Birnie, County Manager |
| John Messner, Commissioner | Elizabeth Mense, Deputy County Clerk |
| Roland Mason, Commissioner | Other Persons Present as Listed in Text |

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Houck called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Commissioner Messner, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the minutes of the 9/3/19 Gunnison/Hinsdale Board of Human Services meeting. Motion carried.

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES UPDATE:

Marilyn Cheever, Child & Family Services Manager was present for the discussion. CFS Manager Cheever discussed the Family First Act (FFA) that will go into effective in Colorado as of 1/1/2020. As a result, certain residential and group home placements will no longer be reimbursed. The State is moving towards placing children in Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP) which will provide more comprehensive treatment. Placement in QRTPs will be reimbursed.

NOTE: Vice-Chairperson Thompson joined the meeting via telephone at 8:39 am.

ADULT PROTECTION SERVICES UPDATE:

Betsy Holena, Senior Resource Program Manager was present for the discussion. SRP Manager Holena provided an Adult Protection Services (APS) update. There were 65 APS referrals and 27 open cases during fiscal year 2018-2019. As a result of recent APS statute changes, all founded findings now require a letter to be generated and sent to perpetrators. Perpetrators can appeal the finding. Additionally, new employees who are working with at-risk adults are required to complete a Colorado Adult Protective Services (CAPS) check. The most common trends in Gunnison County are self-neglect and financial exploitation.

STAFFING UPDATE: Director Reynolds stated that Laura Chambers, the part-time Adult Protective Services social worker put in her notice on 10/11/19. She is moving out-of-state.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2019.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

Elizabeth Mense, Deputy County Clerk

Minutes Approved December 10, 2019

Jonathan Houck, Commissioner