

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 2023**

The April 18, 2023 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, either in person or via Zoom, were:

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson	Joni Reynolds, Assistant County Manager for Health, Human and Safety Services
Liz Smith, Commissioner	Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Laura Puckett Daniels, Commissioner	Melanie Bollig, Clerk to the Board
Greg Levine, Hinsdale Co. Commissioner [REMOTE]	Other Persons Present as Listed in Text

8:36 to 9:24 CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order at 8:36 am, and noted for the record that Hinsdale Commissioner Greg Levine was not able to join remotely via Zoom, so would be attending the meeting via phone call.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Finance Senior Accountant Kelly Weak was present in the room to give the Gunnison/Hinsdale DHS Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2022. She reported that they had finished within 90% of last year's budget, which was good news. She went on to give a brief overview of the totals spent, noting state allocations and the portions for Gunnison County and Hinsdale County.

Assistant County Manager for Health, Human, and Safety Services Joni Reynolds noted that federal SNAP benefits will probably have the largest "cliff" in decreasing services, and she added that all of the benefits have now shrunk back to allocation based upon the applicant's income, rather than the maximum allocations being allowed throughout the pandemic, up until March 2023.

With no further questions from the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to accept the Financial Update and authorize the chair's signature on the document. Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRAM UPDATES: Early Childhood Services. Present in the room to give an update was Health and Human Services Community Health Manager Margaret Wacker, and Early Childhood Services Supervisor Lana Athey.

CH Mngr Wacker began by focusing on a report for the Gunnison/Hinsdale Early Childhood Council. She introduced those in the staff as: Quality Improvement Coach and Navigator Corrine Jaeger; Early Childhood Resource Navigator Kimberley McNamara; Early Childhood Outreach and Navigator Mayte Burton; Infant and Toddler Care Coach and Trainer Kristen Peterson, and Supervisor Lana Athey. She then thanked Gunnison Country for their contributions in support of the Early Childhood Council.

CH Mngr Wacker briefly went over data related to child census data for both Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties. ECS Supervisor Lana Athey also presented data on current progress towards Universal Preschool in both counties, highlighting that they had advocated strongly at the state-level for the state to make an eligibility allowance for those children born between the August 1st (state cutoff date for eligibility) and October 1st (local county cutoff date for eligibility). She reported that they had been able to win the allowance, and based on numbers of families who have applied, all so far should be able to access a slot.

The Board discussed for several minutes with ECS Supervisor Athey various topics surrounding the implementation of Universal Preschool, including: a) families' process for applying for and finding a preschool site match; b) numbers of hours that can be selected and coordination of care; c) determining factors for site chosen; d) percentage of eligible households who have applied; and e) how many the existing funding allows for.

After this discussion, CH Mngr Wacker continued with data showing: a) 2021 & 2022 area preschool enrollment numbers vs. licensed capacity; b) current wait lists for the local preschools; and c) early childhood workforce turnover rates and issues.

ECS Supervisor Athey covered data gleaned from the comparison of a 2021 and 2022 workforce survey, in which Early Childhood Educators (ECE) were asked, "How long have you been in the ECE field?"

CH Mngr Margaret Wacker outlined the statutory requirements of the Early Childhood Council in Colorado, its mandatory stakeholders, and the focus areas for the council: early learning; family support and parent education; and health and well-being. She advised that the Gunnison Hinsdale Early Childhood Council (GHECC) would be going through a strategic planning process in 2023, to update their strategic plan for 2024-2027.

ECS Supervisor Lana Athey then briefed the commissioners on local initiative to address early childhood workforce issues. She explained that they had realized during COVID that they did not have a sick leave program, so this was started in August 2020, with a large portion of the funding coming from one-year grant opportunities – grants which are not expected to remain available in the future. She stated that if the program were to continue, the annual sick leave program would cost an average of \$28,000. Other programs offered which strive to help with staff retention included: early childhood educator EC Credential Stipend Program (a program that provides a modest award to EC educators based on their level of Early Childhood credentials); and early childhood Food Boxes for Teachers (a program in partnership with Mountain Roots, which provides food boxes to 80+ early childhood teachers and home providers on a monthly basis). Other local initiatives have involved training, including the Family, Friend, and Neighbor

Caregiver Initiative (providing monthly trainings covering various childcare topics – from CPR to Nurturing the Young Child Conference). Programs currently serving local families include a diaper program and tuition assistance program (for families facing hardship).

ECS Supervisor Athey and CH Mngr Wacker highlighted the ways in which Gunnison County has supported planning for Early Childhood within their strategic plan as well, and thanked the commissioners for this support.

The commissioners observed how the investment is fully seen in improved outcomes, and also noted the recent stressors for both early childhood educators and families alike. They also asked ECS Supervisor Athey what she would like to see in terms of future support from the commissioners, and she requested that they consider childcare and education in the workforce support funding earmarked to come from Local Marketing District tax revenues. Ways to achieve more sustainable funding for early childhood services were also discussed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

- 1. Current Status on Key Bills.** ACM Joni Reynolds informed that the Board that the state's Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) leadership had changed abruptly; the Executive Director was gone and the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) would be the interim director. A senior executive team would be making leadership decisions for CDHS during this time. ACM Reynolds that they should be watching to see what kind of impact this will have across the board.

ACM Reynolds reviewed with the Board included:

- a) Large amount of child welfare bills introduced in 2023. ACM Reynolds noted that there will be inter-session review committees, or working groups, looking at current welfare statutes, and seeing what changes are needed for 2023-2024, and 2024-2025, in order to prevent another "hodgepodge" of hasty child welfare bills being introduced, as had been seen for 2023's legislative season. She added that there were still a couple of these bills making their way through – one centered around emergency child welfare intervention, which she found important for regulating procedures, and another bill adding justice involvement, which CCI along with other partners were opposing.
- b) Other bills of note. ACM Reynolds stated that there were a couple of bills making their way through which centered around parents' and grandparents' time, neither of which would change Human Services practices. Another bill focused on updates to the Human Services administration by replacing a citizens' review panel with a state-level office for grievances. The final two bills ACM Reynolds highlighted were public health bills. One involved community benefit for non-profit hospitals and the other would seek to authorize municipalities to establish opioid abuse prevention centers.

NEXT MEETING: June 20, 2023. The Board confirmed June 20, 2023 as the next meeting date for the Gunnison/Hinsdale Board of Human Services.

ADJOURN: Chairperson Houck adjourned the Gunnison/Hinsdale Board of Human Services meeting at 9:24 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

Melanie Bollig, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved August 15, 2023:

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

Gunnison/Hinsdale DHS Financial Report
for the Period Ending
December 31, 2022

Expense	YTD Expense <i>Gunnison</i>	YTD Expense <i>Hinsdale</i>	Total	Estimate of Gunnison County Only \$\$
155 HB 1451	85,492.21	-	85,492.21	-
340 Colorado Works (TANF)	205,283.39	13,302.19	218,585.58	41,056.68
340 Child Care	193,858.89	34,788.07	228,646.96	38,771.78
350 County Admin	589,152.71	7,203.73	596,356.44	117,830.54
350 Adult Protective Services	86,029.30	-	86,029.30	17,205.86
360 Child Welfare	739,374.35	49,533.78	788,908.13	147,874.87
360 Core Services	147,635.02	24,868.85	172,503.87	29,527.00
365 Child Support Enforcement	109,561.01	1,412.59	110,973.60	37,250.74
380 LEAP	181,680.97	8,611.06	190,292.03	-
380 Aid to Needy Disabled	21,923.47	-	21,923.47	4,384.69
380 Old Age Pension	74,359.77	3,113.26	77,473.03	-
380 Food Assistance	3,406,892.82	47,192.90	3,454,085.72	-
380 Grants	96,213.88	-	96,213.88	-
	<u>5,937,457.79</u>	<u>190,026.43</u>	<u>6,127,484.22</u>	<u>433,902.17</u>

Signatures



Director, Gunnison/Hinsdale DHS



Chair, Gunnison/Hinsdale Board Human Services

Gunnison/Hinsdale DHS Financial Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2022		Gunnison	Gunnison	Hinsdale	Gunnison	Hinsdale	Gunnison	Gunnison	Hinsdale	Gunnison	Hinsdale	Gunnison	Hinsdale	Gunnison	Hinsdale	Gunnison	Hinsdale	Gunnison	Hinsdale	Gunnison	Hinsdale	Gunnison	Hinsdale	Gunnison	Gunnison	Hinsdale	Grand		
		155-0	340-1	340-6	340-1	340-6	350-2	350-2	350-7	360-1	360-6	360-2	360-7	365-1	365-6	380-1	380-6	380-21	380-71	380-22	380-72	380-32	380-82	380-00	Totals	Totals	Totals		
Expense		HB 1451	CO Works	CO Works	Child Care	Child Care	City Admin	APS	City Admin	Child Welfare	Child Welfare	Core Svcs	Core Svcs	Child Supp Enf	Child Supp Enf	LEAP	LEAP	AND	AND	OAP	OAP	Food Assist	Food Assist	Public Assist	Totals	Totals	Totals		
5110	SALARIES-DEPT HEAD/SUPERVISOR						105,719.10																		105,719.10	-	105,719.10		
5111	SALARIES-FULL TIME	53,667.74	42,770.80	10,692.70	4,798.84	4,475.75	395,370.87	12,563.82		274,775.84	37,147.46	117,571.04	19,968.04	65,599.38	662.62	142.22									942.36	968,202.91	72,946.57	1,041,149.48	
5112	SALARIES-PART TIME	10,343.56			16,620.49	6,667.71	4.95	27,508.29								7,736.73									6,583.06	68,797.08	6,667.71	75,464.79	
5113	OVERTIME						13,787.60																			13,787.60	-	13,787.60	
5210	PAYROLL TAX-FICA	4,567.02	3,156.06	789.05	1,553.81	774.22	37,259.70	2,895.08		19,377.83	2,613.16	8,416.28	1,417.02	4,167.01	42.10	602.75								570.55	82,566.09	5,635.55	88,201.64		
5220	HEALTH INSURANCE	8,322.29	4,878.27	1,219.52	967.33	892.78	56,875.70	3,401.45		30,840.97	3,591.74	11,063.27	2,286.69	17,619.23	177.93									123.01	134,091.52	8,168.66	142,260.18		
5230	RETIREMENT	2,601.41	2,126.68	531.66	681.80	400.97	21,017.66	1,393.34		12,796.75	1,856.93	5,308.84	856.00	3,280.02	33.08	4.27								44.16	49,254.93	3,678.64	52,933.57		
5240	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	96.04	64.16	15.98	32.14	16.72	774.63	60.96		417.77	55.72	176.31	29.95	98.44	0.96	11.81								11.31	1,743.57	119.33	1,862.90		
5250	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	491.50	50.91	12.73	94.83	45.65	649.13	294.43		2,725.52	162.70	1,208.73	303.74	83.76	0.84	9.44								11.19	5,619.44	525.66	6,145.10		
5260	EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PREMIUM	38.33	20.40	5.09	22.50	10.31	196.85	31.87		94.89	10.70	38.05	7.41	26.52	0.24	8.92								7.48	485.81	33.75	519.56		
6110	OFFICE SUPPLIES						10,554.71									2.97										10,557.68	-	10,557.68	
6120	OPERATING SUPPLIES						754.97																			754.97	-	754.97	
6170	POSTAGE						1,851.06									116.00											1,967.06	-	1,967.06
6180	PHOTOCOPIY	135.32					82.94																				218.26	-	218.26
6610	EQUIP & FURN UNDER \$4000						4,691.11																				4,691.11	-	4,691.11
6611	COMPUTER EQUIP UNDER \$1000						2,341.08																				2,341.08	-	2,341.08
6630	EDUCATION/PROMOTION									120.20																	120.20	-	120.20
7020	TELEPHONE SERVICE						6,833.36			2,593.80																	9,427.16	-	9,427.16
7022	CELL PHONE						1,560.00	585.00		3,740.00						203.08											6,088.08	-	6,088.08
7030	INTERNET						2,000.04																				2,000.04	-	2,000.04
7210	REPAIR & MAINT - BUILDING						9,673.26																				9,673.26	-	9,673.26
7245	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS						4,275.59																				4,275.59	-	4,275.59
7310	TRAVEL - TRANSPORTATION						756.25			1,103.81																	1,860.06	-	1,860.06
7311	TRAVEL - MOTOR POOL						842.42	213.57		148.09																	1,204.08	-	1,204.08
7312	TRAVEL - MEALS						304.22							145.40													449.62	-	449.62
7313	TRAVEL - LODGING						1,753.36			719.91				537.00													3,010.27	-	3,010.27
7329	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	2,125.00				20,000.00	14,283.38	5,741.46		12,808.69				238.56											87,920.76	123,117.85	20,000.00	143,117.85	
7330	MEETINGS - SUPPLIES						657.57			340.05																	997.62	-	997.62
7331	MEETINGS - MEALS	218.40					2,756.85			1,052.06																	4,027.31	-	4,027.31
7332	MEETINGS - REGISTRATIONS						1,622.26			140.00				312.00													2,074.26	-	2,074.26
7341	RENTAL - BUILDINGS & LAND						132,174.00																				132,174.00	-	132,174.00
7352	DISPATCH FEES						3,000.00																				3,000.00	-	3,000.00
7354	ADMINISTRATION FEES						3,186.86		764.88					748.26	25.12												3,935.12	790.00	4,725.12
7361	BOOKS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	149.90																									149.90	-	149.90
7410	ADVERTISING & LEGAL NOTICES	195.66					1,360.86	188.00									18,029.66										19,774.18	-	19,774.18
7420	PRINTING & PUBLISHING						23.00																				23.00	-	23.00
7430	DUES & MEMBERSHIPS						1,929.00			686.00																	1,929.00	686.00	2,615.00
7440	SCHOOLS & TRAINING	275.00								8,250.00																	8,525.00	-	8,525.00
7460	AUDITING						13,467.47																				13,467.47	-	13,467.47
7470	INSURANCE & BONDS						2,886.63																				2,886.63	-	2,886.63
7490	MAPPING SERVICES						264.96																				264.96	-	264.96
7491	COMPUTER SERVICE FEES	2,000.04					13,880.04																				15,880.08	-	15,880.08
7492	EQUIPMENT USAGE						3,784.92																				3,784.92	-	3,784.92
7502	ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFERS		76,634.99		141,157.95	4,592.50	107,938.47		6,157.23	42,746.16		3,852.50				154,813.12	8,611.06	21,923.47		61,937.72	3,106.50	3,406,892.82	47,192.90			4,017,897.20	69,660.19	4,087,557.39	
7801	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND						4,261.57	6,441.11		61,899.98	676.58			16,705.43	469.70												89,108.09	1,146.28	90,254.37
8220	FURNITURE & FIXTURES						5,237.72																				5,237.72	-	5,237.72
9012	RMS EXPENSE		75,581.12	35.46	27,929.20	(3,088.54)	(403,493.41)	24,710.92	(404.38)	262,882.03	3,418.79									12,422.05	6.76					31.91	(31.91)	(0.00)	
9044	FLEX FOR FAMILIES	265.00																									265.00	-	265.00
	Totals	85,492.21	205,283.39	13,302.19	193,858.89	34,788.07	589,152.71	86,029.30	7,203.73	739,374.35	49,533.78	147,635.02	24,868.85	109,561.01	1,412.59	181,680.97	8,611.06	21,923.47	-	74,359.77	3,113.26	3,406,892.82	47,192.90	96,213.88	5,937,457.79	190,026.43	6,127,484.22		
	2022 YTD Actual	85,492.21	205,283.39	13,302.19	193,858.89	34,788.07	589,152.71	86,029.30	7,203.73	739,374.35	49,533.78	147,635.02	24,868.85	109,561.01	1,412.59	181,680.97	8,611.06	21,923.47	-	74,359.77	3,113.26	3,406,892.82	47,192.90	96,213.88	5,937,457.79	190,026.43	6,127,484.22		

DHS Expenses
Period Ending
12/31/2022

