

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 19, 2023**

The December 19, 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  
Greg Levine, Commissioner (ABSENT)  
Elizabeth Smith, Commissioner  
Laura Puckett Daniels, 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 Houck called the meeting to order at 9:17 am.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** There were no changes to the agenda, though Commissioner Houck opted to modify the order of items in case Commissioner Levine was able to join the meeting at some point.

**2024 COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MERIT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION:** ACM Reynolds explained that this is an annual requirement. This year, it requires Board signature. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the 2024 Colorado Department of Human Services Merit System Certification and authorize the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROGRAM UPDATES:**

- Child Welfare Services. Child and Family Services Supervisor Laura Rascon and Deputy Health and Human Services Director Brad Wheaton were present for discussion. ACM Reynolds congratulated CFSS Rascon on her promotion, and she noted that CFSS Rascon completed the State's required supervisor training last week. The Board congratulated CFSS Rascon on her promotion. DHHS Wheaton noted that CFSS Rascon has been with the department since 2005 and has served in many roles. CA Hoyt said that he's had the chance to work with CFSS Rascon and is very pleased that she has been given this role.
- 2024 Calendar. ACM Reynolds stated that she will send a draft calendar to the commissioners after the holidays.

**HINSDALE COUNTY FUNDING REQUEST LETTER; ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEALTH PLANS; REGIONAL ACCOUNTABLE ENTITY (RAE) HEALTH NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT OVERVIEW; \$20,000:** ACM Reynolds explained that Rocky Mountain Health Plans reached out to help Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties with work being done by the eligibility team. Each County may apply for \$20,000, and Gunnison County has completed an application. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the Rocky Mountain Health Plans support letter and authorize the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

**HINSDALE COUNTY - CCI PROXY:** ACM Reynolds confirmed that she is normally the designated Hinsdale proxy, and she confirmed that this action is on the Hinsdale County BOCC's agenda this week.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting was scheduled for February 20, 2024.

**ADJOURN:** Commissioner Houck adjourned the meeting at 9:26 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

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Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved April 16, 2024:

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Jonathan Houck, Chairperson