

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2024**

The June 18, 2024 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 (ACM) Health, Human & Safety Services
Liz Smith, Commissioner	Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Laura Puckett Daniels, Commissioner	Holly Perry, Clerk to the Board
(ABSENT) Greg Levine, Commissioner (Hinsdale)	Other Persons Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Houck called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Commissioner Puckett Daniels, seconded Commissioner Smith to approve minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

1. April 16, 2024
 - Child Welfare Allocation Committee – Commissioner Smith asked to change where it says the "Committee determines the funding" to say "the funding formula for allocation" to be more accurate. Commissioner Smith also would like to delete the last sentence.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

1. Child Welfare Services – Family Services Supervisor Laura Rascon explained the Family First Prevention Services Act and the Differential Response Program. The Family First Prevention Act provides the opportunity for children and youth to grow up with their families. The Differential Response Program has a multi-track assessment approach that has family assessment response (FAR) and High-Risk Assessment (HRA). She presented a summary of the research results between FAR and HRA. Commissioner Smith asked ACM Reynolds about clarification about the funding from the State and about differentiation of the two assessments. ACM Reynolds stated that most of the funding is 80-20 and the rules are defined by the State. Commissioner Puckett Daniels asked for clarification if the tracks are different for each assessment once they are distinguished. FSS Rascon explained it depends on the situation. Commissioner Smith inquired about foster homes in the area with FSS Rascon responding that are two kinship homes and they work with Child Placement Agencies (CPAs) if the child cannot be placed with their nuclear family.
2. Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Program – WESM Holena explained they have the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Grant for ~\$65,000 a year to help with services and are currently in year one of their three-year cycle. The grant application is available at multiple areas in town such as their office, Gunnison Valley Health and Law Enforcement. Last year 114 households, 242 individuals, were assisted. Commissioner Puckett Daniels offered to introduce them to Executive Director Melissa LaMonica in Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority (GVRHA) regarding having access to the application at the GVRHA.
3. Adult Protection Services – WESM Holena relayed that this is similar to Child Welfare, and it is to provide services to adults with diminished capacity. In 2023, they received 63 referrals and 19 cases with 95% of cases not reopening. WESM Holena stated that most of what is seen is caretaker neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation.

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

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; C-STAT AWARDS PRESENTATION Colorado Department of Human Services Laura Sartor was available for discussion.

Ms. Sartor announced that Gunnison and Hinsdale County Human Services have received the C-Stat award from the Colorado Department of Human Services. To earn this reward, monthly goals must be met 75% of the time. Hinsdale County came in at number 1 highest ranking at 100% for meeting monthly goals and this is their 3rd award given. Gunnison County ranked 11th highest at 84.3% for meeting monthly goals and this is their 6th award given.

All Commissioners commended all the work that has been done and praised everyone. Pictures of the team with the awards were taken.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Houck adjourned the meeting at 10:58 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

Holly Perry, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved August 20, 2024:

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson