

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 21, 2012**

The February 21, 2012 meeting of the Gunnison/Hinsdale Board of Human Services was held in the Commissioners' boardroom in the Courthouse located at 200 E. Virginia, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson  
Allen Brown, Vice-Chairperson  
Hap Channell, Commissioner  
Paula Swenson, Commissioner

Renee Brown, 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 2:28 pm.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** There were no changes to the agenda.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2012 meeting and authorize signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Staff Accountant Maureen Eden presented the financial report dated December 31, 2011 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Channell to approve the December 31, 2011 financials and authorize the Chairperson's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

**CCI HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE and CHILD WELFARE ALLOCATION SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:** HHS Director Brown asked the Board for any questions stemming from the 1/30/12 email related to the child welfare allocation. Commissioner Channell explained the makeup of the CCI HHS Steering Committee and why that makeup has the ability to be problematic. HHS Director Brown briefed the Board on how the currently proposed allocation methodologies could negatively impact Gunnison County's child welfare funding, if eventually implemented.

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES UPDATE:** HHS Director Brown informed the Board that, as of 2/10/12, there were a total of 18 active Senate and House bills. She stated that the CCI subcommittee and the Directors' Association are both opposing HB1046 and SB22. Both are also opposing SB78 as written, yet the Directors' Association may support the bill if adequate funding were established.

**PROGRAM AREAS AND ACTIVITIES UPDATE:** HHS Director Brown informed the Board that the Joint Budget Committee may attempt to access the County's TANF reserves. She asked the Board to let her know if this occurs.

HHS Director Brown informed the Board that 77% of Multicultural Resource Coordinator Ellen Pedersen's position funding will end in August. The department is submitting a grant in hopes of securing other funding.

HHS Director Brown informed the Board that the annual Senior Resources report indicates a huge growth in the number of contacts made by the office. She also stated that, beginning in March, DOLA will begin assisting the County with evaluating our senior needs and determining how we might best meet those needs.

HHS Director Brown informed the Board that the Department of Child Welfare Master Plan has been released. She noted that the Board received the plan, which outlines five top strategies, via email.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting was scheduled for March 20, 2012.

**ADJOURN:** **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Minutes Prepared By:

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Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved March 20, 2012:

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Phil Chamberland, Chairperson