

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2012**

The April 17, 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
Art Trezise, Deputy County Attorney

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 10:31 am.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the March 20, 2012 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Staff Accountant Maureen Eden presented the financial report dated February 29, 2012 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Channell to approve the monthly financials for February and authorize the Chairperson's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

SENIOR SERVICES EVALUATION AND COORDINATION EFFORT: Senior Resources Program Manager Karin Stewart was present for discussion.

Senior Resources Program Manager Stewart invited the Board to the 4/26/12 Gunnison Valley Senior Services Planning Initiative meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am at the Family Services Center, and Commissioners Chamberland and Channell noted that they will be attending. Senior Resources Program Manager Stewart stated that her invitations have received good responses. The purpose of the meeting will be to evaluate whether or not seniors' needs are being met within the community. She is optimistic that connections will be made at the meeting and that collaboration will be enhanced. Department of Local Affairs Regional Manager Elise Ackerman-Casselberry will be facilitating the meeting, and the State demographer will be attending to present relevant data.

Senior Resources Program Manager Stewart noted that her office may eventually need another employee to assist with the workload because she doesn't want to have needs within the community go unmet. The County will not incur any direct costs related to the meeting as the State offices have funds available to facilitate these types of meetings. The Board thanked Senior Resources Program Manager Stewart for putting this event together.

HEALTH CARE REFORM UPDATE: HHS Director Brown provided a brief update to the Board as follows:

1. Public Insurance. The State is expanding eligibility for public insurance by implementing expanded categories for Medicaid for adults without dependent children, and by achieving buy-in for individuals who receive disability, but whose income exceeds Medicaid eligibility.
2. Infrastructure Systems Operability Grant. The State is submitting planning documents to the federal government for infrastructure systems interoperability grant funding that, if approved, will result in the federal government reimbursing 90% of the \$17,000,000 cost. If the proposal is not approved, the State must still move forward with providing the interoperability.
3. Colorado Health Benefit Exchange (COHBE). The COHBE, a new non-profit entity managing the exchange of benefits, has been developed.
4. Health and Human Services Summit. Senior Resources Program Manager Stewart will attend the summit on May 24th and 25th, during which a broad review of health care reform will be presented.
5. Public Insurance Data. HHS Director Brown explained that one of her department's strategic goals is to increase the number of individuals who have insurance. She provided data from 2008, 2009 and 2011 to the Board, and she explained that the 2008 and 2009 data was received by the Colorado Health Institute. She acknowledged that the calculations are dependent upon identifying the total number of individuals eligible for insurance, which is not an exact science. In 2008, there were approximately 618 individuals enrolled (not including Hinsdale County as the data was unavailable). In 2009, that figure increased to 775. In 2011, there were 725, including 9 or 10 children from Hinsdale County, but she acknowledged that this figure was extrapolated from the CDHS Ongoing Workload Summary, a different information source.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for May 15, 2012.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved June 19, 2012:

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson