

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Meeting Agenda for August 20, 2024**  
**County Commissioners' Meeting Room**  
**200 E. Virginia Avenue; Gunnison, CO 81230**  
**(REMOTE OPTION BELOW)**

11:00 am

- Call to Order; Agenda Review
- Minutes Approval
  1. June 18, 2024
- Updates:
  1. Management Evaluation (ME) review
  2. Child Welfare High-Acuity Data
- Program Updates:
  1. Economic Security
  2. Child Support Services
  3. Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Next Meeting: October 15, 2024

11:45 am

- Adjourn

Please Note: Packet materials for the above discussions will be available on the Gunnison County website at <http://www.gunnisoncounty.org/177/Agendas-Minutes-Portfolios> prior to the meeting.

**ZOOM MEETING DETAILS:**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89798905619>

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**AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM**

**Agenda Item:** Draft Human Services Minutes; 6/18/2024

**Action Requested:**

**Parties to the Agreement:**

**Term Begins:**

**Term Ends:**

**Grant Contract #:**

**Summary:**

Draft Human Services Minutes; 6/18/2024

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Submitted by:** Holly Perry

**Submitter's Email Address:** hperry@gunnisoncounty.org

**Finance Review:**

Required

Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by:

Discharge Date:

**County Attorney Review:**

Required

Not Required

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Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes  No

**County Manager Review:**

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirmie

Discharge Date: 8/15/2024

Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda

Worksession

Time Allotted: 1

Agenda Date: 8/20/2024

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> award given. Gunnison County ranked 11<sup>th</sup> highest at 84.3% for meeting monthly goals and this is their 6<sup>th</sup> 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:

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Holly Perry, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved (insert date):

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Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

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# Health Care Policy & Finance (HCPF)

Management Evaluation (ME)

# Management Evaluation Review Process





**Colorado Human Services Directors Association**

**CHSDA High-Acuity Data April-June 2024 (Heather Durosko, CHSDA)** Below are the high-acuity totals reported to CHSDA for April, May and June 2024. Thank you to all of you and your staff for your continued commitment to tracking this data. We have shared this with our state partners. So far the 2024 monthly averages are very similar to 2023's data. No declining averages across any of the categories.

2024 CHSDA Monthly Data- Children in inappropriate, stopgap settings when out of home placement is being searched for							
	# of children/youth in county custody that spent time in COUNTY OFFICES OR HOTELS as a stopgap setting (at least overnight) *does not include FYIT	# of children/youth in county custody that spent time in HOSPITALS past medical necessity while placement was being searched for	the # of children/youth not in county custody but where the county was involved, that spent time in HOSPITALS past medical necessity while placement was being searched for	the # of children/youth in county custody that remained in DETENTION but were releasable to a placement, but no placement was located	the # of children/youth not in county custody but where the county was involved, that remained in DETENTION but were releasable to a placement, but no placement was located	Monthly Totals	
January	7	14	9	16	23	69	53 counties reporting
February	15	17	5	15	22	74	53 counties reporting
March	12	16	8	10	27	73	53 counties reporting
April	11	7	8	10	33	69	59 counties reporting
May	8	9	10	18	22	67	59 counties reporting
June	11	13	10	16	27	77	59 counties reporting

Of note, for county office/hotel overnight stays, the # reported to CHSDA compared to the # reported in Trails is finally MUCH closer this time around.

- April 2024: CHSDA- 11; Trails- 10
- May 2024: CHSDA- 8; Trails- 6
- June 2024: CHSDA- 11; Trails- 9



## Economic Security Services

- **End of COVID Unwind May 2024**
  - In May we finished processing a Medical Assistance Renewal for everyone who had Medicaid continuous coverage during COVID
  - County Fact sheets: These documents provide an annual snapshot by fiscal year of Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) activity including average annual caseload and top five claim types for each county. The data on the fact sheets is for fiscal year 2022-2023.
- **SNAP Update**
  - SNAP Issuance Chart:  
Summer EBT has become a permanent program to help families on food assistance or free or reduced lunch with additional food security during the summer months. Each child gets \$120 in SNAP to help reduce child hunger.
- **Open Enrollment and OmniSalud**
  - Open enrollment has historically been our busiest time of the year. We're starting to prepare for it to start on November 1<sup>st</sup> and it runs through January 15th
  - Omnisalude is a relatively new program that provides undocumented Coloradans with a safe way to enroll in affordable health insurance plans.
- **Economic Security Services Team Updates**

**\$24,839,504**

Total Health First Colorado expenditure

**23.33%**

of the county population is enrolled in Health First Colorado

**4,031**

Average number of Health First Colorado members enrolled per month

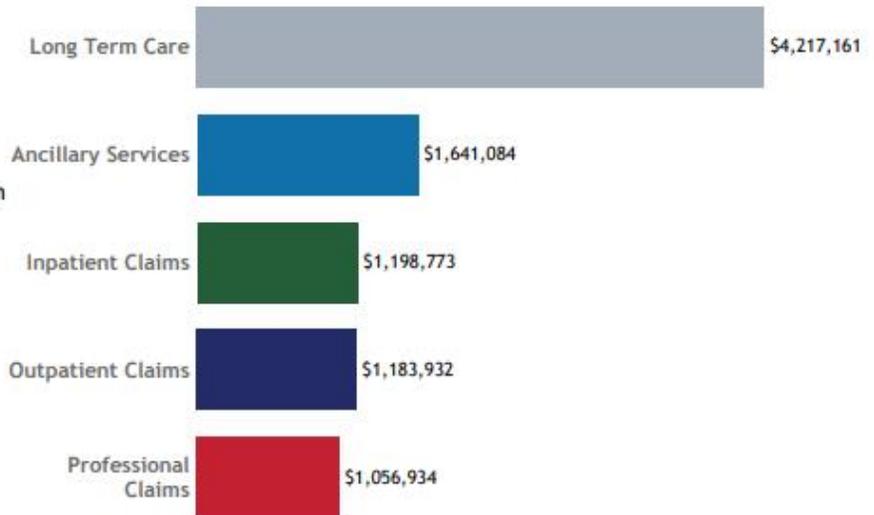
**2,082**

of these members were Affordable Care Act (ACA) Expansion Adults & Parents

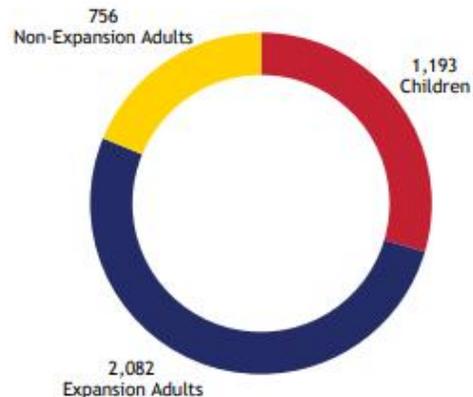
**189**

Number of Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) members

## Top 5 Health First Colorado Claim Types\*



## Health First Colorado Population



In July 2018, administration of physical and behavioral health was joined under one accountable entity. The Regional Accountable Entity for Gunnison County is:

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All data is from Colorado Interchange for Fiscal Year 2023.

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\*Capitation payments are not included in the Top 5 Claim Types.

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# Hinsdale County Fact Sheet

**\$847,060**

Total Health First Colorado expenditure

**22.92%**

of the county population is enrolled in Health First Colorado

**179**

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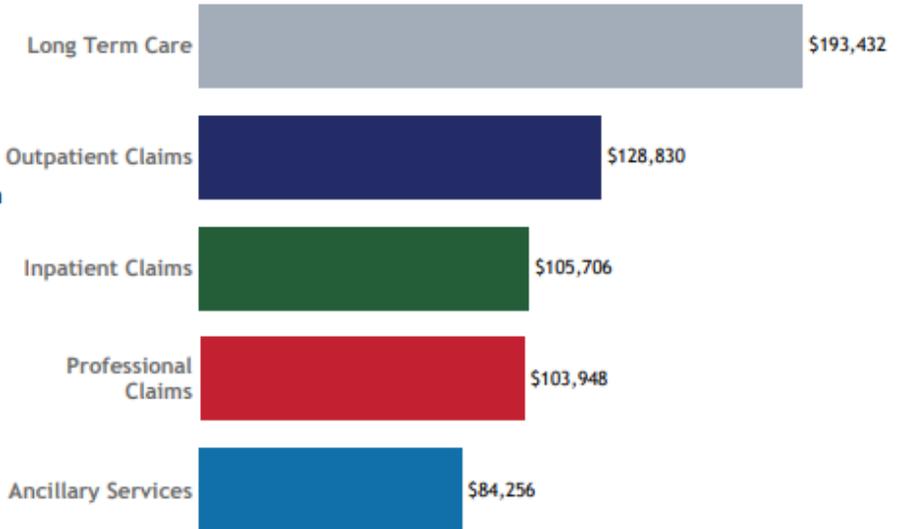
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of these members were Affordable Care Act (ACA) Expansion Adults & Parents

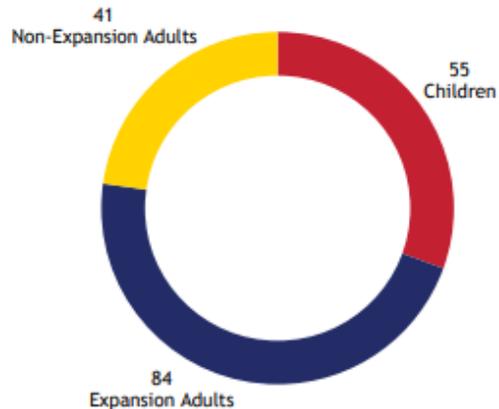
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## SNAP Issuances

County	June 2024 Issuance Amount	Case Count	Client Count
GUNNISON	\$200,934.00	668	1,069
HINSDALE	\$2,715.00	11	12

County	2019 Calendar Year - Average Monthly Issuance Amount	Case Count	Client Count
GUNNISON	\$109,593.33	504	877
HINSDALE	\$1,387.75	9	14



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## **BoCC Child Support Services Update 08/20/2024**

### **CSS**

- Shelley Tucker is CSS Specialist handling the 183 cases cradle-to-grave
  - Assists parents in completing applications, establishing paternity, establishing orders (APA or through the courts), modifying orders, enforcement actions on current and arrears cases, finally closing cases when appropriate.
  - New report to locate parties where EBT cards have not been used in 60 days.
  
- **Policy updates**
  - House Bill 24-1291 Licensed Legal Paraprofessionals.
    - The Colorado Supreme Court adopted a rule change effective July 1, 2023, that allows licensed legal paraprofessionals (LLPs) to represent clients in certain domestic relations matters, including child support proceedings.
  - Assignment of Child Support Foster Youth (SB24-202)
  - House Bill 22-1360
    - Federal Child Support Incentives for Improvements to the Automated Child Support Enforcement System (ACSES)
    - Seven improvements
      - Links to Training Material
      - Chronology Enhancements
      - Case Closure
      - Orders with Future Commencement Dates
      - Text Messaging
      - DOCGEN Revamp
      - Termination of IWOs and NMSNs-add button to terminate all active IWOs and NMSNs with one click.
  
- **Statistics Around CSS Collections**
  - FFY 2024 for families and children



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-Gunnison 2023 (\$320,439.82) to 2024 (\$337,481.66) shows a 5% increase in current payments YTD

-Hinsdale 2023 (\$12338.06) to 2024 \$(20427.41) showing a 66% in current payments YTD.

-63.5% current payments received for Gunnison (State Goal of 65%)

-77.2% current payments received for Hinsdale (State Goal of 65%)

-Current cases that have orders (State Goal 80%)

- Gunnison 92.7%
- Hinsdale 80%

- **Have implemented the CLEAR Software.**

- Aimed at locating individuals who are not making mandatory payments
- Increase the amount collected in unpaid child support as it shows employment history and financial institutions associated with individuals

- **C-State Distinguished Performance Most Improved Small County**

-Most improved Disbursement on Hold 2023 (Hinsdale at 0% with the state goal of 4.2%)

- **% of Cases with an Arrears payment**

- Gunnison is at 68.5% (State goal of 71%)
- Hinsdale is at 66.7% (State goal of 71%)

# Colorado Child Care Assistance Program

BOCC Update 8/13/2024

Margaret Wacker

Cheryl Smejkal

# CCCAP Purpose

- The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) helps families that are homeless, working, searching for work or in school find low-income child care assistance. Families that are enrolled in the Colorado Works Program can also use CCCAP services.
- Promote family Self-sufficiency and educational development for children
- Child Welfare CCAP provides child care during an open child welfare case, for at least 12 months

# Program Updates

- The state changed the low income program eligibility across the board. Now families must be 185% of poverty in Gunnison and Hinsdale counties, reduction from 200%. This is due to less funding from the state from stimulus.
- Rate increase for child care providers this fall, October 1 2024, unclear on how much this will effect the budget yet, expecting two providers to have increased rates due to this change.
- 3 year plan from Colorado Department of Education for increasing rates and meeting new federal guidelines. Statewide estimate of \$48.79 million ongoing cost. Large counties are going on waitlists (85% spent) or freezes (95% spent) across the state.
- Gunnison County is still using a waitlist process. Hinsdale County is not.

# Current Number of Children Served in Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties (August 2024)

- 36 kids with current authorizations for child care, including 8 that are for Western Junior Mountaineer Camp (so 28 expected by the end of summer).
- This is up from the 15 in Oct 2022 and down from 39 over the summer of 2023, and 29 in October of 2023.
- Hinsdale County has one case with 2 kids, up from one case with 1 kid in October of 2023.

# Children on CCCAP Waiting for Childcare

- 12 children are on CCCAP who do not have a current child care authorization, because they are waiting for an open child care slot
- Ages of kids waiting are all under 10 months old.

# Barriers to Care

- Lack of slots for ages 6 month – 2.5 years
- Gunnison County is using a Waitlist for CCCAP for getting onto the program, due to funding
- Need for appropriate child care environments with well trained teachers. Children can be expelled from care.
- Evening and before school care, Summer childcare: Western's camp helped for summer care, still there could be gaps for younger children
- Unknown of how UPK and CCCAP will blend, it's still muddy
- Main barrier to care is need for infant/toddler slots, teacher workforce, loss of Family Child Care home providers is still a threat

# Current FY 25 Budget

- Gunnison County FY 25 Total = \$260,272 of which \$25,527 is the County Share. Last year we spent \$246,975.
- Hinsdale County Total = \$22,146 of which \$2,172 is the County Share, last year we spent \$10,201.84
- FY 24 Gunnison Budget was \$289,191 and Hinsdale Budget was \$24,607. FY 25 is a reduction in funding as stimulus funding is reduced. However base allocation is higher this year than FY24. Base is \$243,556 this year, up from \$209,500.