

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2025**

The April 15, 2025 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:

Laura Puckett Daniels, Chairperson
Liz Smith, Commissioner
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner
Greg Levine, Commissioner (Hinsdale)

Joni Reynolds, Assistant County Manager (ACM) Health,
Human & Safety Services
John Cattles, Assistant County Manager for Operations
and Sustainability
Holly Perry, Clerk to the Board
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: **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. February 18, 2025

BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES CHAIR DISCUSSION/DECISION

Commissioner Houck relayed that historically the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners is the Chair of the Gunnison/Hinsdale Board of Human Services Board as well. Commissioner Levine supports the Chair designation being whoever is Chair of the Board of County Commissioners. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Levine to nominate Laura Puckett Daniels as the Chair Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners to also be the Chair of the Board of Human Services. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS Senior Operations Accountant Lupita Halligan was present for discussion.

SOA Halligan relayed the first page is a summary of Gunnison and Hinsdale expenses in comparison to the final budgeted expenses and she included what the County pays versus what the Federal and State pay. SOA Halligan then explained what each expenditure includes and that any revenue that is over is deferred for the next year. SOA Halligan highlighted which programs were over or under budget and if there were any possible changes for 2025 as well as any anomalies. Commissioner Levine asked for clarification on what Random Moment (RMS) Expenses are. ACM Reynolds clarified that random Health and Human Services employees are telephonic surveyed based on work they are currently doing and the State takes the funding and allocates the funds based on that survey. **Moved** by Commissioner Puckett Daniels, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the year end financials for the Board of Human Services. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

1. Long Bill – ACM Reynolds relayed the Long Bill has made it through both Chambers. She noted there were no cuts to child welfare and they carved out Medicaid as well as including the supplemental that will add \$25 Million for childcare assistance.
2. Retail Food Establishment – ACM Reynolds explained the inspection fees haven't been increased since 2015, but there was good discussion around the support it provides for the Counties to be able to do those inspections. However, there was a push from the industry that Counties should use their General Funds to support the expenses for restaurant inspections. ACM Reynolds explained this is a triennial review and they did an increase that is over three years with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) being built into it.
3. Placement Transition Plans – ACM Reynolds stated this is to have explicit plans for children being moved from one placement to another and those plans are to be in writing and reviewed with the placement site. The concerns are this could add another layer of work to delay the prioritization of the child's safety and best placement as well as having to report to current foster the next placement of child which can also affect the child's safety. Colorado Counties, Inc. Steering Committees (CCI) is in an amend position.
4. Juvenile Detention Bed Cap – ACM Reynolds noted this has some contention from the administration and the State departments are not in support of increasing the bed cap. CCI is in support.
5. Medicaid Update – ACM Reynolds stated there was a carve out for child welfare and CCI has moved to a position of support.
6. Social Security Benefits – ACM Reynolds conveyed that in the past, youth in foster care could get social security benefits to support them in their current placement and this bill would disallow it. CCI is opposing.

7. Joint Budget Committee – ACM Reynolds noted there was an increase for some County Administration including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Colorado benefit management system (CBMS) and best practice implementation.

Commissioner Puckett Daniels brought up disease prevention and if it impacted the budget. ACM Reynolds confirmed it has, but it did not require staff reallocation.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for June 17, 2025.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Puckett Daniels adjourned the meeting at 10:57 am

Minutes Prepared By:

Holly Perry, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved June 24, 2025:

Laura Puckett Daniels, Chairperson