

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2025**

The June 17, 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	Joni Reynolds, Assistant County Manager (ACM) Health, Human & Safety Services
Liz Smith, Commissioner (ABSENT)	Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner	Holly Perry, Clerk to the Board
Greg Levine, Commissioner (Hinsdale) (ABSENT)	Other Persons Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Puckett Daniels called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

AGENDA REVIEW: Due to the absence of Commissioner Levine and Commissioner Smith, there is no quorum. Therefore, the minutes and consent agenda will be postponed to another date.

MINUTES APPROVAL: *POSTPONED*

1. April 15, 2025

CONSENT AGENDA: *POSTPONED*

1. Contract Extension; 22-171376; Hinsdale County; 8/30/2025
2. Memorandum of Understanding; Colorado Department of Human Services; Hinsdale County; Annual Reaffirmation; 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026

PROGRAM UPDATES:

1. Economic Security – Deputy Health and Human Services Director Brad Wheaton exclaimed appreciation for Economic Security Services Supervisor Brian Gage's and Economic Security Specialist Sebastian Akesson's work. ESSS Gage gave a shout out to the Multicultural Resources team for their help with getting community members get medical insurance and assisting with the Cover All Coloradans Medicaid Program. With their assistance, particularly with the Spanish-speaking community, there were 136 cases approved under this program compared to 106 in Montrose. OmniSalud also has a busy enrollment and allows people to purchase insurance if they are not financially eligible for Medicaid. ESSS Gage then stated the amount of the Gunnison County and Hinsdale County population is currently enrolled in these programs as well as the number of people enrolled in food assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

ESSS Gage lastly commented on the staffing changes which included a resignation and the increase of their Spanish speaking capacity within their team which then creates a good balance to serving the community.

DHHS Wheaton explained Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in more detail and relayed the Support Service Payment has issued about \$20,000 through May to those families.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for August 19, 2025.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Puckett Daniels adjourned the meeting at 11:24 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

Holly Perry, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved August 19 2025:

Laura Puckett Daniels, Chairperson