

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 21, 2025**

The October 21, 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  
Elizabeth Smith, Commissioner  
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner  
Greg Levine, Commissioner (Hinsdale)

Joni Reynolds, Assistant County Manager (ACM) Health,  
Human & Safety Services  
Matthew Birnie, County Manager  
Holly Perry, Clerk to the Board  
Other Persons Present as Listed in Text

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Puckett Daniels called the meeting to order at 9:27 am.

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the meeting minutes for August 19, 2025 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. August 19, 2025

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES AND PROWERS COUNTY; 1/1/2026 TO 12/31/2026; \$480:**

ACM Reynolds explained this is the hotline for afterhours calls regarding child welfare and adult protection where the Prowers County teams get those calls and then sends a report. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the MOU between Gunnison/Hinsdale Board of Human Services and Prowers County as presented and authorize the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Senior Operations Accountant Lupita Halligan referred to page six of the document which was the State Fiscal year 2024-2025 Closeout and commented on five programs that were overbudget. SOA Halligan and ACM Reynolds explained the process of how the funds are given and the challenges that arise.

SOA Halligan then referred to the year-to-date summary on page one and the areas that are more than 67% of spending at this time. **Moved** by Commissioner Puckett Daniels, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the report and authorize the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROGRAM UPDATES:** Wellness/Enforcement Services Manager Betsy Holena was present for discussion.

1. Adult Protection Services – WESM Holena relayed previous case numbers for the 2023 and 2024 years compared to this year and explained most cases are caretaker neglect or financial exploitation.
2. Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) – WESM Holena gave a summary of the 2024 CSBG Services and added they helped 130 individuals avoid eviction, two individuals avoid foreclosure, 49 individuals obtain safe temporary shelter, and 14 individuals avoid utility shutoff.
3. Medicaid Care Coordination – WESM Holena stated they have about 3,500 members of the community on Medicaid which are identified into three tiers. She then explained that there is some overlap from the CSBG.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting was scheduled for December 16, 2025.

**ADJOURN:** Commissioner Puckett Daniels adjourned the meeting at 9:56 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

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Holly Perry, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved December 16, 2025:

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Laura Puckett Daniels, Chairperson