

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 2013**

The August 20, 2013 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:

Susan Thompson, Vice-Chairperson (via phone)	Renee Brown, Health and Human Services Director
Paula Swenson, Commissioner	Bobbie Lucero, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner	Other Persons Present as Listed in Text

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Houck called the meeting to order at 10:27 am.

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the June 18, 2013 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Staff Accountant Maureen Eden was present for the discussion and presented the revised financial report dated June 31, 2013 for discussion and approval. Moved by Commissioner Houck and seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the monthly financials for June 31, 2013 and authorize signature. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEALTH INSURANCE EXPANSION UPDATE:** Health and Human Services Director Brown informed the board that the health insurance expansion will begin in December, and that the Health and Human Services Department will allow applications for Medicaid. She reported that this is moving forward, although there are some kinks to sort out. She opined that it will be more customer friendly to have a "one-stop shop" for the public to get coverage, counseling and applications. She reported the next step in the process is training eligibility technicians. If anyone wants to apply for the income tax subsidy for their premium, they can visit Connect for Health Colorado online and apply. She informed she will be publishing information in the Silver World, Shopper, Gunnison Country Times and Crested Butte News.

Health and Human Services Director Brown reported to the board that she attended the Club 20 meeting on 8/15. She reported that she was very impressed with the healthcare system that Mesa County has put together. She reported that there will be another session on 9/7 to discuss accessing health care through the Affordable Care Act. There was discussion that Chairperson Chamberland and Health and Human Services Director Brown will attend the meeting on 9/7. Health and Human Services Director Brown informed the board that she is moving forward with staffing resources and opined that she has a conservative, yet efficient, staffing plan to meet the demand.

**STATE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION:** Health and Human Services Director Brown suggested the board review the Colorado Department of Human Service (CDHS) Strategic Plan online because it is similar to the Gunnison County Health and Human Services Strategic Plan. She reported to the board that the State Strategic Planning Session reviewed the development of the results management system, the improvement of Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS), the development of the new Office of Early Childhood and the receipt of the \$45 million Race to the Top grant for Early Childhood Services.

Health and Human Services Director Brown reported to the board that there are numerous prevention programs being implemented for child welfare. She opined that the new programs are great, yet in a small community there is difficulty implementing programmatic structures because of the lack of cluster populations. She opined that the outlook is concerning when entering into the second budget year of the sequestration. She informed that the proposal response is due in 2.5 weeks.

Health and Human Services Director Brown reported to the board that out-of-home placements have increased to over 15% in the State of Colorado, Division of Youth Correction commitments over the last five years have declined 60%, and the State of Colorado is the second lowest in the Country for recidivism. She informed the board that there has not been a discussion on how Amendment 64 will affect these numbers. She informed the Board that kids are not usually committed due to marijuana use. She opined that the chronic offenders are more problematic. Kelsey VanderVeen was hired to perform Adult Protection Services work. The mandatory reporting takes effect July 2014.

Health and Human Services Director Brown reported to the board that CDHS will be increasing services to veterans, projecting the downfall for funding because they are anticipating \$100 million less in the Human Services Fund in the next 10 years, and improving determination of eligibility of disability services.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting was scheduled for September 17, 2013.

**ADJOURN:** Commissioner Swenson adjourned the meeting at 10:56 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

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Bobbie Lucero, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved on ???:

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Susan Thompson, Vice-Chairperson