GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2012

The December 18, 2012 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:

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson
Allen Brown, Vice-Chairperson
Hap Channell, Commissioner
Paula Swenson, Commissioner
Renee Brown, Health and Human Services Director
Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board
Other Persons Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Chamberland called the meeting to order at 10:31 am. Senior Resources Program Manager Karin Stewart was present for discussion.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Chairperson Channell, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the meeting minutes for October 16, 2012. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Channell to approve the November 20, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Staff Accountant Maureen Eden presented the financial report dated October 31, 2012 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the submitted financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AREA; ELIGIBILITY TECHNICIANS: HHS Director Brown noted that this discussion was held-over from a previous meeting and that the eligibility technicians would not be available for discussion due to scheduling conflicts. She also provided the portion of her department's Strategic Business Plan that was pertinent to the discussion.

1. Annual Performance Measure: 80% of Gunnison and Hinsdale residents have health insurance coverage (public and private). HHS Director Brown noted that the Colorado Health Institute (CHI) data for 2010 indicates a success rate of 79.5% for this measure. Now that additional insurance expansion programs are available in Colorado, we can expect to see an increase in this percentage. Child enrollment has also increased.
2. Annual Performance Measure: 95% of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications are processed within 30 days, as determined by State-mandated department self audits. HHS Director Brown informed the Board that the current statewide performance is at 96%. Gunnison County came in at 87.3%, 92.1% and 96% for 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.
3. Annual Performance Measure: 95% of Family Medicaid applications are processed within 45 days, as determined by State-mandated department self audits. HHS Director Brown informed the Board that the current statewide performance is at 88.9%. Gunnison County came in at 93.9%, 100% and 95.6% for 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

Chairperson Chamberland asked for more information relative to what factors may be creating timeliness issues. Senior Resources Program Manager Stewart explained that insufficient staffing and computer system unavailability have caused problems. She also noted that the eligibility computer system seems to have improved. HHS Director Brown stated that the caseload has increased significantly, and that electronic benefits have followed suit. During the 2012 SFY, a total of $2,087,066 in benefits was received by local clients.

ADULT PROTECTION TASK FORCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: HHS Director Brown explained that the Elder Abuse Task Force reviewed existing research and debated the deliverables of SB 12-078. As a result of SB 12-078, funding in the amount of $5,802,848 may be available for mandatory statewide adult protection reporting. She opined that this provides a good foundation, and she stated that she will be following the issue to see how all of the recommendations pan out.

INSURANCE EXPANSION: HHS Director Brown provided a summary in the Board's packet for review. She noted that a few changes to the eligibility-related income guidelines have occurred during the past year. As a result, it has been a challenge for families, as their work situations change, to go back and forth between the various programs

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for January 22, 2013.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 am.

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Minutes Prepared By:

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Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved (insert date):

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Phil Chamberland, Chairperson

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