

**GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2021**

The February 16, 2021 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:

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson
Roland Mason, Commissioner
Liz Smith, Commissioner

Joni Reynolds, 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 Houck called the meeting to order at 9:41 am.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the 10/20/2020 and 12/22/2020 minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. October 20, 2020
2. December 22, 2020

HINSDALE COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATION: Commissioner Houck will reach out to Hinsdale County this afternoon to determine if a new representative has been identified.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: HHS Director Reynolds stated that the legislative session was slated to begin that day, and she provided the following insights:

1. Behavioral Health. The behavioral health bill has potential for significant impact around the State and our region.
2. Supplemental. Supplemental bills to address funding gaps will be impactful for her department.
3. Childcare Funding. This bill is expected.
4. Expansion of Residential Providers. This bill will look at how to make the expansion to work with families to keep children in their homes.
5. Non-Discrimination Standards. This bill will focus on standards related to the LGBTQ community, particularly youth that are in out-of-home safe environments.
6. Stimulus Package. The Governor is expected to request a stimulus package.

STAFFING UPDATE: HHS Director Reynolds informed the Board that Delta County discussed the Home and Community Based Services Program, which helps provide services so people, particularly seniors, can remain in their homes. Delta County has been the entry point for the entire region, but Delta County may end their subcontract with Gunnison County, due to changes in program reimbursement at the State level and associated shortfalls. She noted that termination of the subcontract will impact one of her staff positions and approximately 60 seniors in the valley.

HHS Director Reynolds stated that there will be a staffing change in the child support services area. One employee is leaving the community, and the vacancy will be posted in the near future.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for April 20, 2021.

COVID VACCINES: Commissioner Mason requested information about any COVID-19 vaccines being administered at City Market. He happened to be inside the store when an announcement was made indicating that there were additional vaccines available for anyone 65 or older in the store, so he asked about any coordination efforts happening between the store and the County. HHS Director Reynolds explained that the store is supposed to receive 100 doses weekly, and this is the first week that the pharmacy will be administering vaccines. She initially requested that the store join our effort, but that the store declined. Scheduling is being accomplished by registering on Kroger.com.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the Board of Human Services. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

Minutes Approved April 20, 2021:

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson