GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2016

The February 16, 2016 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 were:

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson
Susan Thompson, Vice-Chairperson (via phone)
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner
Paula Swenson, Commissioner
Joni Reynolds, Health and Human Services Director
Marlene Crosby, Deputy 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 9:56 am. Deputy County Manager Marlene Crosby left at 10:05 am due to another commitment.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the December 15, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

2016 BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES MEETING AGENDA PLANNING: HHSD Reynolds discussed the schedule overview that was provided for the meeting packet, and she requested feedback, at any point in the year, if the Board would like to make any adjustments. The Board liked the suggested timeline.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

1. Funding. HHSD Reynolds briefly discussed the chart that was included in the packet. In 2016, she projects that 52% of her department funding will come from the State, 28% will come from the federal government, and the remaining 20% will be comprised of funding from grants, fees, and other miscellaneous sources.
2. Strategic Planning. HHSD Reynolds informed the Board that her staff will begin this process with the consultants next week. There is a disconnect between the department's current plan and the team, which is due to numerous changes that have occurred within her department over the past few years.
3. Regional Public Health Coordination. Commissioner Thompson explained that Hinsdale County is currently coordinating public health services with Mineral County, but that she hopes to become part of a local service district within the next few months via pending legislation. Also currently, Mineral County partners with Alamosa for the provision of human services.
4. Staff. HHSD Reynolds informed the Board that her staff will be full once the last child welfare position is filled within the coming week. Also, April Sparks is at the end of her training, so she will soon be fully qualified.

COLORADO COUNTIES, INC. (CCI) LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

1. Human Trafficking. HHSD Reynolds informed the Board that CCI is trying to connect and re-label human trafficking to child abuse. Chairperson Swenson noted that El Paso County is currently experiencing major issues related to human trafficking.
2. Child Support Exemption. HHSD Reynolds noted that this bill is being considered.
3. Prenatal Substance Abuse Screening and Testing. HHSD Reynolds stated that CCI is opposed to the current language in this bill.
4. Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. HHSD Reynolds noted that the Director's Association recommended that this bill be monitored. The language may be too prescriptive, and it might hold counties to a penalty.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for April 19, 2016.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Chairperson Chamberland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.

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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