

Garfield County Human Services Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10th, 2026 9:30 – 11am

Via Zoom

Welcome and Opening Comments

Approval of prior meeting minutes

Kelly Esch/Sarah Fedishen

Pat Horwitz/Traci Gurley-Tomashosky

Meeting minutes were reviewed, Suzanne Wheeler Del Piccalo motioned, and Martha Fredendall seconded, vote was held. Meeting minutes were approved from the May 2026 meeting.

Introduction of Guests

Kelly Esch/ Sarah Fedishen

Anne Nikamin, Health Solutions West

Brooke Bockelman, Buddy Program

Dan Allen, Garfield County Public Health

Barb Corcoran, Valley View Hospital

Mic Zywiec, Great Expectations

Committee Reports

Services Award Dinner (Ad-hoc)

Hans Lutgring/Blythe Chapman

-No Update

Grants (Standing)

Mason Hohstadt/ Pat Horwitz/ Shiela Strouse

-Released on 7/6/2026; Due on 8/5/2026

Membership (Ad-hoc)

Caroline Barnes/Suzanne Wheeler- Del Piccalo

-Caroline gave an update on membership

Colorado Gives Day (Ad-hoc)

Mary Cloud/ Todd Chamberlain

-No update.

The State of Human Services (Ad-hoc)

Sara Sims/Mason Hohstadt

-No update

Old Business

- **BOCC:** Monday, June 15th, at 8:00am. Presenting are: Mountain Family Health, Home Care and Hospice of the Valley, Valley Meals and More, Contexture
- **Documents:** [Meeting calendar](#), [BOCC Calendar](#), [Bylaws](#) and [Spotlights](#) for 2026 (Chairpersons)

New Business

- **Spotlights:** CASA: [CASA of The Ninth | Advocating for Children in Colorado's 9th Judicial District.](#)



- WMRHA: <https://westmountainhealthalliance.org/>
- West Mountain Regional COAD, Contact information: Namrata Shrestha - nshrestha@westmountainhealthalliance.org, 970-618-4646
Link to presentation: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:us:81c70abe-9605-4eb8-a058-42721d711436>
Link to Safety Meeting in Glenwood Springs: <https://mailchi.mp/cogs/city-of-glenwood-springs-to-host-state-of-public-safety-event?e=cdaa0da34b>
(Spotlight purpose is for agencies to talk about their updated programs and what activities they are working on currently; Content is of value to other non-profits on HSC; and Outcome is collaborating and educating. Given the timing there could be 2 spotlighted organizations per meeting. Limit report to 10 minutes.)

Opportunity for Public Comment (Please limit to 3 minutes)

Staffing Updates/Agency Rounds (if time allows)

Next Meeting: July 8, 2026- Rifle Garfield HHS Building; Rifle Falls room

Upcoming Spotlights: July: River Center and Contexture

Adjourn



Garfield County Humanitarian Awards 2026 NOMINATION FORM

This nomination form and letters must be submitted by Friday, July 31st at 4:00 pm. No exceptions!

Name of nominee: _____

Organization, if any: _____ Title, if any: _____

Nomination Category: _____ Volunteer _____ Staff (Check one or both categories.)

Approximate age of nominee _____ (Nominations can be submitted for people of any age.)

Nominee's contact information:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day time phone: _____ Mobile phone : _____

E-mail : _____

(Please submit this address so a committee member can contact your nominee.)

Name of person submitting nomination: _____

Organization, if any: _____ Title: _____

Nominator's contact info:

Day time phone : _____ Mobile phone: _____

E-mail : _____

How did you hear about these awards: ☐ radio ☐ newspaper ☐ other (describe) _____

- You must attach a letter explaining why *you* are nominating this person.
- In addition, nominations require supporting letters from at least two other people but no more than five other people. All letters must accompany this form.

All materials should be emailed to garfield.county.awards@gmail.com by 4 p.m. on Friday July 31st, 2026. Questions? Call 970-893-6307.

Garfield County Humanitarian Awards Nomination Rules - 2026

1. **Only one nominee** per organization or individual will be considered each year.
2. **Nominees may live and/or work/volunteer in Garfield County.** (Given the geographic make up of our community it is not uncommon for a person to be contributing to Garfield County, while living in Eagle or Pitkin Counties.)
3. **Past winners** cannot be nominated for or receive an award.
4. **Past nominees** who never won this award may be nominated again.
5. Finalists must be able to be physically present at the HSA banquet or they will be disqualified from being considered for an award (we will not consider awards for anyone who has passed away). **If the individual is unable to attend, they can be nominated again next year.**
6. The nomination form, nomination letter and at least **two** additional letters of support (but no more than five **additional** letters). A minimum of three and maximum of six letters must be **received via email by 7/31/26 at 4 pm.**
7. If any part of the packet is received after **4 pm 7/31/26**, the late materials will not be considered. We request that the nomination and letters be **scanned as one document** and that you note the name of the nominee in the subject line of your email (if you need help with scanning or emailing, please call **970-893-6307**).
8. All finalists chosen to be honored at the Garfield County Humanitarian Awards Dinner on **September 14th, 2026**, will be notified by **8/3/2026**.
9. Finalists will receive a free dinner, and each finalist will have an assigned table. Finalists will receive a call and an email that will explain dinner tickets and other details for the evening.
10. Nominators will also receive an informational email to share with the people who wrote letters of support.
11. Finalists will be presented with copies of their nomination letters, a certificate and a rose during the dinner.
12. At the end of the evening, the Garfield County Board of County Commissioners will announce category winners.

Thanks for your nomination.

*We hope to see you at the Humanitarian Awards event on
Monday September 14th, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., Hotel Colorado Glenwood Springs*