Garfield Human Services Commission: 8/12/2026

Attendance: Kelly Esch, Sara Fedishen, Mason Holstadt, Sally Boughton, Betty Lucas, Jan Halperin, Michele Zywiec, Jill Pidock, Amanda Vaughn, Karen Lapides, Blythe Chapman, Zyra Guyon, Fabiola Trejo, Shanda Grey, Becky Gordon, Erin Leazer, Wendy Gil, Tina Hughes, Kyle Crawley, Brooke Buddy Program, Alison Wizer, Sharon Longhurst Pritt, Gina Long, Barb Corcoran, Chantell Davison, jenny Wherry, Tedi Gillespie, Sheryl Barto, Dian

Minutes Approved 0945 by Mason Holstadt, second by Sally

Introduction of new or guests Tedi Gellespie Western Colorado Community Foundation Will Present

Brooke Buckelman, from Buddy Program, Lori Mueller Interim director for River Center, Allison from DHS Maura Masters MVDS, Gina Long, High Country Volunteers, Kyle Crawley Steppingstones filling in, Zyra from Youth Zone, Barabra Corcoran VVH Behavior Health, Advocate Safe House Coordinator, Chantell Davidon GWS Psychology,

Service Awards Dinner: 10 nominations handed in and have 8 that can make the banquet. Meeting on Monday to finalize plans for Banquet. After meeting will start selling tickets. Monday September 14th is the date. More information to come. Please come if you can and support the community

Grants Update: Grants were due last week. Would love feedback on the process this year. Email Mason with ideas or suggestions. Review will start at the end of September. BOCC meeting Oct 19th for final approval.

Membership: No updates

Colorado Gives Day: No updates Reach out to Mary for information

Information from BOCC funds from tax dollars, asked for clarification for dollars allotted. Agency to let the BOCC know what impact your organization will have due to cuts.

Human Services: No Update

Board of Commissioners meeting Monday

Heads Up Parenting: Tedi Gillespi from Wester Colorado community Foundation: True Fund application is open currently for Garfield Co.

Heads Up Parenting: Focus on safe online use; Impacts of children online and upstream effects from Schools. School kids lack cognitive and social skills. Campaign for parents and caregivers of children 0-3 years. Materials are available. Promotes unplugged face to face interaction over screen time. PSA The Importance of Eye-to-Eye Engagement. Place

mats in restaurants for messaging. Be Tech Wise with baby/toddler. MyBabyGains.org is a resource. Download tool kit if you would like this. September 24 GWS Library to get information out to the community from 5pm-6:30pm. Get tips and tools to help families. RSVP please. Contact Tedi for information: tgillespie@wc-cf.org Maura at MVDC will have supplies if you would like to get any. ALL Bilingual information.

DHS Update: Sharon Longhurst Pritt Presentation Programs: Cash, food, medical and childcare assistance. Services: Child support, child welfare, adult protection, older adult programs and case management. Eligibility takes time and new laws to impact this. Impacts of HR1- Food Assistance 10 individuals in Garfield Co., Work Requirements: 572 individuals impacted, Medicaid changes: 75% of these individuals will NOT be affected by changes coming in Jan of 2027, Expanded Medicaid Population 4000+ will be impacted with work requirements and housing verification. HCPF has resources for changes. HR 1 Resources
https://hcpf.colorado.gov/hr1-resources

DHS is taking steps to ensure individuals do not lose coverage.

Public Comments:

Celebrate Literacy Outreach 40 years of service: https://literacyoutreach.org/events/

September 17th from 4pm-6pm Meet and greet River Center New ED Sheila Mauer in New Castle.

2026 SUD abatement conference Becky Gordon is speaking. In Summit County. Sept 30th.

October 1st national addiction symposium

WMRHA Valley Alliance to End Homelessness Film on Homelessness in Eagle, 9/10, GWS, 9/30. More information to come.

High Country Volunteers 9/11 day of service packing bags for Pediatrics Information on website.