

Garfield County Human Services Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8th, 2026
9:30 – 11 am

Welcome and Opening Comments

Approval of prior meeting minutes
Review of minutes, changes were made, motion to approve with changes made by Lindsay Lafaro Laffary seconded by Sally Boughton. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Kelly Esch/Sarah Fedishen
Pat Horwitz/Traci Gurley-Tomashosky

Introduction of Guests

-Iliana Renteria - Savings Collaborative, Financial Empowerment of the Rockies
-Emma Bridgeman - Roaring Fork Church (United Methodist Churches in Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, and Basalt)
-Susie Meraz with the Savings Collaborative, Financial Empowerment Center of the Rockies
-Karina Roman with the Financial Empowerment Center of the Rockies

Kelly Esch/ Sarah Fedishen

Committee Reports

Services Award Dinner (Ad-hoc)
-Discussion around change of timeline was held.
Grants (Standing)
-Mason updated that Mini Grant decisions were made after presentations.
Membership (Ad-hoc)
-No update
Colorado Gives Day (Ad-hoc)
-No update, committee will restart work in late summer.
The State of Human Services (Ad-hoc)
-Poll was taken around funding and impacts of state and federal funding cuts.
Charter has been completed. Plans to meet with the county officials are being made to better understand how special taxes and funding are provided to organizations.

Hans Lutgring/Blythe Chapman
Mason Hohstadt/ Pat Horwitz/ Shiela Strouse
Suzanne Wheeler-Del Piccolo
Mary Cloud/ Todd Chamberlain
Sara Sims/Mason Hohstadt

Old Business

- **BOCC:** Monday, April 20th, at 8:00am. Presenting are: YouthZone, River Bridge, Yampah
- **Documents:** [Meeting calendar](#), [BOCC Calendar](#), [Bylaws](#) and [Spotlights](#) for 2026 (Chairpersons)

New Business

- [Savings Collaborative](#)
- **In person Meeting Information** (Chairpersons)
- **Spotlights:** [Alpine Legal](#), [Stepping Stones](#) & [Valley Settlement](#)
(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.)

<https://alpinelegalservices.org/resources-and-events>

Opportunity for Public Comment (Please limit to 3 minutes)

Staffing Updates/Agency Rounds (if time allows)

Next Meeting: May 13th, 2026 RIFLE- Garfield County H&HS Building; Rifle Falls Room

Upcoming Spotlights: May: High County Volunteers & A Way Out

Adjourn