

Garfield County Human Services Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 11th, 2026
9:30 – 11 am
[Zoom](#)

Welcome and Opening Comments

Kelly Esch/Sarah Fedishen

Called to order at 9:32AM

Approval of prior meeting minutes

Pat Horwitz/Traci Gurley-Tomashosky

- Edits made, review of additional minutes. Sara Sims motioned to approve meeting minutes with edits, Jan Halperin seconded, vote was taken and motion carried, January 14, 2026 minutes were approved.

Introduction of Guests

Kelly Esch/ Sarah Fedishen

- Gabe Cohen, with Discovery Café with Jesus Saves
- Brittney Rieke, Clinic Director, Grand River Health
- Erika Cicero, Double Helix Doula Project

Committee Reports

Services Award Dinner (Ad-hoc)

Hans Lutgring/Blythe Chapman

- Call for nominations went out, with no response as of yet, which is not unusual. Please help spread the word about nominations. They are due by 2/27/2026 and need to include the nomination form as well as 3-6 letters of support.

Grants (Standing)

Mason Hohstadt/ Pat Horwitz/ Shiela Strouse

- Mini Grants are due by 2/13/2026. Thanks to Mason for representing us!

Membership (Ad-hoc)

Suzanne Wheeler-Del Piccolo

- No update.

Colorado Gives Day (Ad-hoc)

Mary Cloud/ Todd Chamberlain

- \$1.5mil was donated in 2025! More donors and more money was raised in 2025 than in 2024.

The State of Human Services (Ad-hoc)

Sara Sims/Mason Hohstadt

- They met and are working on the charter, they continue to work and have set meetings in the coming months.

Old Business

- **BOCC:** Monday, February 17th, at 8:00am. Presenting are: Mountain Valley Developmental Services and RIDE
- **Documents:** [Meeting calendar](#), [BOCC Calendar](#), [Bylaws](#) and [Spotlights](#) for 2026 (Chairpersons)

New Business

- **Update Garfield County Website:** <https://www.garfieldcountyco.gov/hsc/> (Chairpersons)
 - Please review.
- **Mental Health Ballot Update** (Christina Gair)
 - <https://protectcoloradosfuture.com>
 - <https://wmrha.box.com/s/abfpmalipslfr0knbwlywj1g31qlpn8f>
 - <https://wmrha.box.com/s/lffri3e4ezmrk2m4py9q00toq1mj1g8i>
- **Board Training/Fair** (Lindsey Lofaro)
- **Spotlight:** Pathfinders and CMC
- (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: March 11th, 2026 VIRTUAL via Zoom

Upcoming Spotlights: March: Valley Settlement, Advocate Safe House Project

Adjourn