



Bear River Association of Governments

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Minutes were approved on 3.25.26

Motion: Debbie Treasure Second: Council Member Mike Johnson and unanimous approval.

**BEAR RIVER REGION
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – 12 Noon
Nibley City Offices Community Room - 455 W 3200 S in Nibley**

MINUTES

Welcome, Introductions, and Minutes

Mayor Larry Jacobsen, Vice Chair

☰ Attendees 1.28.26

☰ HS Minutes 11.19.25 There was unanimous consent for the approval of the minutes.

New Board Members Review

☰ 2025-26 HS Board-Selections and SSBG Discussion

Lucas Martin, BRAG Executive Director, shared the attached information from the Human Services Bylaws on Board Seat recommendations.

It was proposed and open to any discussion for **Logan Council Member Mike Johnson** to be appointed to the seat vacated by Logan Mayor Holly Daines. A motion was made by Karen Cronin and seconded by Debbie Treasure with none opposed.

It was also proposed and open to any discussion that **Box Elder County Commissioner Tyler Vincent** be appointed to the seat vacated by Council Member Barbara Tidwell. A motion was made by Karen Cronin and seconded by Council Member Robin Troxell with none opposed.

The Human Services Board still has one open seat, which can be filled by either a private sector representative or a low-income representative. It was decided that the council would recommend a nominee to the board. Possible organizations to approach for recommendations include: Northwest Band of the Shoshone Nation, Cache Interagency Council, Local Homeless Council, Rich Chamber of Commerce, Cache Community Connection, DWS (Department of Workforce Services), a builder or landlord, an Interfaith Agency.

Mayor Jacobsen approved that BRAG staff contact these groups to solicit nominations for the Human Services Board. Board members who have specific individuals in mind should email their suggestions to Lucas.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Larry Jacobsen was nominated for and accepted the position of chair, following a motion made by Debbie Treasure and seconded by Karen Cronin, which passed unanimously.

Debbie Treasure was nominated for vice-chair but declined the nomination. Council Member Robin Troxell seconded Debbie Treasure's motion to nominate Karen Cronin for vice-chair. Karen Cronin accepted the nomination, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2026 Meeting Schedule -There was unanimous consent to accept the 2026 meeting schedule.



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S. 8.7 and 5.9 Financial and Services Reports, Revenues and Expenditures

Deanna Newbold, BRAG Human Services Director

[PDF Human Services Report January 2026.pdf](#)

Deanna commended the HEAT staff for their efficiency in processing numerous applications despite having a reduced staff. She also extended her gratitude to Cache Valley Bank for two key contributions: offering financial coaching as part of the Benefit Navigator program, and providing the use of their building and 40 volunteers to assist with tax preparation for the VITA program. Appointments for tax preparation can be scheduled via the BRAG website.

Stephanie Carver, BRAG START Director

Attached are the number of households and individuals and total nights of shelter provided for both Cache and Box Elder Counties by month. Winter Response vouchers are first come first serve, with a specific amount of vouchers reserved for each month.

[PDF BRAG Winter Response Hotel Motel Dec. 2025](#)

[PDF BRAG Winter Response Hotel Motel January 2026 pdf](#)

[PDF START Grants January 2026.pdf](#)

The attached handout provides a full picture of the START Grant program's financials and the number of clients served. A key development since the last Human Services Board meeting is the START department's successful receipt of COC funding.

A notable challenge has arisen as HUD shifts its focus from rapid rehousing to transitional housing models. On a state level, there is a push for a large homeless campus in Salt Lake City, which is recognized as unsuitable for many local individuals who have established employment and family connections in our area. To foster greater responsibility and "buy-in," Stephanie is implementing new programs where participants contribute a small percentage toward the cost of services they receive.

Additionally, Stephanie has attained certification as a Community Justice Advocate, enabling her to assist with housing-related legal matters. Please direct anyone needing help understanding evictions to her.

SSBG-RFP

Lucas Martin, BRAG Executive Director, shared the seven applications submitted for the 2026-27 SSBG RFP in order of submission in the following document. It illustrates the amount the service provider requested, how many clients the project would serve by age and by county.

[SSBG Application Review 26-27](#)

The Rating and Ranking committee currently has representatives from our elected officials (Council Member Robin Troxell, chair) and private sector (Mark Nordstrom). Lucas, requested adding a board member from the low income representative group participate in that process as well. Jess Lucero, Mitch Loftin and Debbie Treasure all said they were willing to help. It was determined that Debbie Treasure would be on the committee. They will meet on Thursday, February 19 at noon in order to review applications and have the decision made before the March 25, 2026 Human Services meeting.



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Discussion of Unmet Needs

Members felt like all was discussed throughout the meeting.

Other Business

Just a reminder for board members to sign the [Non-Disclosure](#) and [Conflict of Interest](#) Forms for 2026. Mayor Jacobsen suggested if a confidential situation is spoken about in a meeting, it would be helpful to state this is confidential and please not share.

Adjourned at 1:33 p.m.