

**MINUTES OF UINTAH HEALTH CARE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING held at the GOLDEN AGE CENTER SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ROOM, 330 S AGGIE BLVD, VERNAL, UTAH on January 15, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.**

**Board Members Present:** Richard Jolley, John Laursen, Robert Hall and Terri Rimer  
**Excused Board Members:** Ed Long

**Visitors Attending:** Alicen Hatch, Jamie Walker, JaDee Wayman, Katrina Sweet and Shawn Johnson

**Welcome and Prayer – Robert Hall**

Robert welcomed everyone to the January 2026 UHCSSD board meeting and Richard Jolley offered the opening prayer.

**Date, Time and Location of the 2026 Board Meetings – Robert Hall**

Richard Jolley motioned to keep the schedule the same as last year, the third Thursday of each month

Terri Rimer seconded the motion

***Richard Jolley - Aye, John Laursen - Aye, Robert Hall – Aye and Terri Rimer - Aye***

**Date, Time and Location of the Next Board Meeting – Robert Hall**

- **Thursday February 19, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**

This date works for everyone in attendance except for John Laursen, who will be attending the legislative session

**Board Elections – Robert Hall**

***Richard Jolley motioned to keep everyone as they are by acclamation: Robert Hall – Chair, Ed Long – Vice Chair, Richard Jolley – Treasurer and Terri Rimer – Clerk***

***John Laursen seconded the motion***

***Richard Jolley - Aye, John Laursen - Aye, Robert Hall – Aye and Terri Rimer - Aye***

**Approval of the December 18, 2025 Minutes – Robert Hall**

***John Laursen motioned to approve the December 18, 2025 minutes with a correction from Jamie***

***Waler to Jamie Walker***

***Richard Jolley seconded the motion***

***Richard Jolley - Aye, John Laursen - Aye, Robert Hall – Aye and Terri Rimer - Aye***

**Approval of the December 2025 Check Registers – Robert Hall.**

***John Laursen motioned to approve the December 2025 check registers***

***Terri Rimer seconded the motion***

***Richard Jolley - Aye, John Laursen - Aye, Robert Hall – Aye and Terri Rimer - Aye***

**Approval of the November 2025 Financial Reports – Shawn Johnson**

**Uintah Care Center:**

Total cash for November was \$153,713, compared to \$132,800 the prior year. Total assets were \$1,162,914, compared to \$998,619 last year. Net property and equipment totaled \$6,187,198,

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compared to \$6,345,247 the prior year. Total overall assets increased to \$8,355,702, compared to \$8,153,000 last year. Total current liabilities decreased slightly to \$1,466,313, compared to \$1,488,227. Total liabilities and equity were \$8,355,000, compared to \$8,153,000.

Current month revenue was \$403,631, compared to \$663,661 last year. Year-to-date revenue totaled \$5,833,804, compared to \$5,808,489. Current month expenses were \$516,584, compared to \$502,320 last year. Year-to-date expenses were \$5,887,943, compared to \$6,046,170. The year-to-date net loss was \$54,139, an improvement over the prior year loss of \$237,682.

#### **Golden Age Center:**

Total cash for November was \$21,090, compared to \$85,644 the prior year. Total assets were \$264,774, compared to \$206,139. Liabilities totaled \$140,414, compared to \$131,430 last year. Total liabilities and equity were \$286,669, compared to \$229,509.

Revenue for November was \$104,743, compared to \$112,667 last year. Year-to-date revenue was \$1,140,213, compared to \$1,140,354, reflecting minimal change year over year. Total expenses for the month were \$72,700, compared to \$93,284 the prior year. Year-to-date expenses were \$1,147,931, compared to \$1,151,562. Year-to-date net income was \$32,043, compared to a \$7,718 loss the prior year.

#### **District:**

Total cash was \$130,317, compared to \$240,517 the prior year, with the variance attributed primarily to timing of fund transfers. Total current assets and total assets were \$821,778, compared to \$931,978 last year.

Current month revenue was \$184,142, compared to \$184,224 last year. Year-to-date revenue totaled \$2,027,770, compared to \$2,039,292. Current month expenses were \$180,626, compared to \$180,028 last year. Year-to-date expenses were \$1,991,389, compared to \$2,024,182. Year-to-date net income was \$36,381, compared to \$15,110 the prior year.

***Richard Jolley motioned to approve the November 2025 Financial Reports as presented  
Terri Rimer seconded the motion***

***Richard Jolley - Aye, John Laursen - Aye, Robert Hall – Aye and Terri Rimer – Aye***

Robert Hall welcomed Katrina Sweet and thanked her for being here and taking the job of Golden Age Center Director and asked her to quickly introduce herself. Yeah, so I'm Katrina Sweet. I just moved to Vernal in July, so I'm fairly new. My background's mainly in health information management, or easier wording, medical records. The last couple years I did a little bit of compliance work, records management, but I was in medical records for a year, so I have a pretty solid background. My husband is the kitchen director at Ashley Regional Medical Center so that's what brought us out here was his job. We have two boys, 13 and 4, and I'm excited to be here. A lot of things to learn, so hopefully it'll all mesh together well soon.

#### **Director's Report – Alicen Hatch**

##### **Golden Age Center Building Rental Discussion:**

The Board reached consensus that the remainder of the building will no longer be available for public use after hours, with rentals limited exclusively to the Sunset Room.

A group that currently meets in the facility—the Quilters Guild, which gathers on the first and third Thursdays of each month—will need to be formally notified of this change. The Guild has not been charged a rental fee and has been using the building after hours with Steve, maintenance, closing the facility due to his wife's involvement in the group. The Board agreed that allowing the Quilters Guild to continue using the building after hours would obligate the District to extend the same privilege to other groups, such as the Bunko group. To ensure consistency and fairness, after-hours access will no longer be permitted outside of the Sunset Room rental policy.

The Board reviewed the current Sunset Room rental fees: \$100 for individuals age 60 and older with a \$200 cleaning deposit, and \$200 for individuals under age 60 with a \$300 cleaning deposit. It was noted that the existing policy language does not specify a per-day rate, resulting in at least one instance where the room was rented for three days at a single \$100 fee. Additionally, concern was raised that individuals could circumvent the higher rate by having someone over age 60 secure the rental on their behalf. The Board agreed that the rental fee structure should be standardized and consistent for all renters, regardless of age.

Currently, renters obtain a key from the front office and return it the next business day. Staff are not onsite during evenings or weekends. The Board also discussed the workload associated with maintaining the Sunset Room, including carpet and chair cleaning. Historically, the room and its maintenance were the responsibility of the County until it was transferred to the District a few years ago. The District does not have dedicated staff for ongoing event-related maintenance.

Alicen will contact Vernal City and the Conference Center to compare rental rates and policies. The rental agreement will be revised accordingly and presented to the Board for further review in February.

In April, during renovations on the east side of the building, the outdated nurse call system was replaced because parts were no longer available. A contractor was engaged to install a new system, with most of the cost covered through Medicaid quality incentive funds from the state. The project was required to be completed by a specified deadline to qualify for reimbursement, and the incentive funds were successfully obtained.

However, the project was not completed by the contractual deadline (April 30, with a one-week grace period). Despite this, final payment (50% upon completion per contract terms) was made in order to meet Medicaid reimbursement requirements. The work extended through December and remains incomplete as of December 23, though the system is currently functional.

The contractor later requested an additional \$15,000, stating he had underbid the cost of parts. He ordered additional materials without prior approval and did not notify the facility of the shortfall. His explanation for the overage has changed multiple times. The contract includes a \$1,000 per day penalty for delays beyond the agreed completion date, meaning the contractor may owe substantial penalties. The contractor has not acknowledged responsibility for the delay.

Concerns were also raised about the installation itself, including attempts to integrate digital and analog components, which required an additional \$5,000 piece of equipment to function together and may present future reliability issues.

The contractor has been described as aggressive in seeking the additional payment and has contacted the facility regarding the status of the \$15,000. No commitment has been made to pay

the additional amount. The matter has been referred to legal counsel for review of the contract and to obtain an opinion on next steps, including potential enforcement of contractual penalties. Further research into the contractor's business registration is also underway.

Alicen expressed appreciation to John for his assistance in securing the \$1 million requested from the County. An agreement was reached that minimized fees and early withdrawal service charges. The District will receive \$490,000 immediately, with the check to be picked up tomorrow. The remaining balance of the \$1 million will be received in February.

Discussion was held to clarify rumors regarding potential care center management changes. It was confirmed that there have been no changes affecting ownership structure. The care center continues to retain ownership involvement related to Upper Payment Limit (UPL) funding.

For the record, it was clarified that the building and land as well as the care center operations are owned and managed by the District. The Golden Age Center building is owned by the County but the operations are under the District.

#### **Director of Nursing Report – Jamie Walker**

The Care Center reported five admissions so far this month, including one long-term admission received yesterday. There have been no discharges to date; however, several current residents are admitted under Medicare and are expected to discharge upon completion of their skilled stay.

Staffing updates were provided, noting the upcoming loss of two nurses. CNA staffing levels are currently stable. Recruitment efforts are underway, with a particular need for an RN to address coverage gaps, especially for night shift, and to allow for more balanced scheduling.

#### **Golden Age Center Report – JaDee Wayman/Interim Director**

For the month of December there was a total of 8,180 meals, 6,945 were home delivered meals while congregate and takeout was 1,235 meals. For the dance, there was a total of 27. Transportation was 460 and the assisted transportation was 561.

John Laurson reported observing the Meals on Wheels program in operation and personally reviewing a delivered meal. The meal was described as well-prepared, with ample portions and good quality. Positive feedback was noted regarding both the quantity and presentation of the food.

Alicen reported that the Dietary Manager, in collaboration with the Registered Dietitian for the Care Center, has been actively involved in revamping the nutrition program. With stable staffing at the Care Center, the Dietary Manager has been able to dedicate additional time to these improvements. Operational changes are currently being implemented in the kitchen and will continue as part of an ongoing enhancement process.

Since these changes began, there has been a significant increase in positive feedback regarding the quality of the food, improved meal timing, and appropriate portion sizes. Even individuals who previously voiced frequent concerns have expressed satisfaction with the current meals.

The primary concern expressed by participants at this time relates to sodium levels. While sodium reduction remains a priority, guests are provided with flavor stations and have the option to season their meals according to personal preference. Additional nutrition education has been provided to seniors to support informed choices.

It was also noted that accommodating specialized diets, such as cardiac or diabetic diets, can be challenging in a congregate meal setting due to the volume of meals served. Staff continue to balance nutritional guidelines with operational feasibility while striving to meet participant needs.

**Adjournment – Robert Hall**

***Richard Jolley motioned to adjourn the December 18, 2026 meeting***

***Terri Rimer seconded the motion***

***Robert Hall – Aye, Ed Long – Aye, – Richard Jolley – Aye, John Laursen – Aye and Terri Rimer – Aye***

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