

MINUTES OF UINTAH HEALTH CARE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING
held at the **GOLDEN AGE CENTER SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ROOM, 330 S AGGIE BLVD, VERNAL,**
UTAH on FEBRUARY 19, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Richard Jolley, Robert Hall, Terri Rimer, Ed Long

Excused Board Members: John Laursen (Legislative Session)

Directors/Staff Present: Alicen Hatch, Jamie Walker, Katrina Sweet, Doug Rasmussen, LaDonna Weeks

Public Attending: Steve Madsen, (Jensine Aguilar joined the meeting during the latter portion)

Welcome and Prayer – Robert Hall

Robert Hall welcomed everyone to the February 2026 UHCSSD board meeting. Richard Jolley offered a prayer.

Next Board Meeting – Robert Hall

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

Discussion was held regarding the March meeting due to scheduling conflicts and limited agenda items. The Board reached consensus to **cancel the March meeting.**

The next meeting is scheduled for: **Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**

(electronic attendance will be available if needed)

Approval of the January 15, 2026 Minutes – Robert Hall

Terri Rimer motioned to approve the January 15, 2026 minutes

Seconded by Richard Jolley

Richard Jolley - Aye, Robert Hall – Aye Ed Long – Aye and Terri Rimer - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Approval of the January 2026 Check Registers – Robert Hall

Richard Jolley motioned to approve the January 2026 check registers

Seconded by Ed Long

Richard Jolley - Aye, Robert Hall – Aye Ed Long – Aye and Terri Rimer - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Approval of the December 2025 Financial Reports – Doug Rasmussen

Uintah Care Center:

Cash position decreased to approximately \$114,122 compared to \$139,000 the prior year. Receivables increased by approximately \$69,000. Accounts payable increased by approximately \$50,000. Annual revenue decreased to approximately \$6.3 million compared to \$6.5 million the prior year, largely due to reduced Medicaid revenue and mineral lease income. Total expenses were approximately \$6.5 million, resulting in an estimated net loss of just over \$200,000 for 2025.

Golden Age Center:

Cash decreased by approximately \$30,000. Receivables increased by approximately \$52,000 due to delayed collections. Total revenue for the year was approximately \$1.24 million, slightly down from the prior year. Expenses totaled approximately \$1.23 million, resulting in near break-even operations with a small net income of approximately \$3,800.

District:

Total cash approximately \$44,000 compared to \$94,000 the prior year. Revenue remained consistent at approximately \$2.2 million. Total expenses resulted in an approximate \$50,000 deficit, improved from the prior year deficit of approximately \$131,000.

Financials are unaudited and subject to minor adjustments.

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

***Richard Jolley - Aye, Robert Hall – Aye Ed Long – Aye and Terri Rimer - Aye
Motion passed unanimously***

Director's Report – Alicen Hatch**Golden Age Center Operations and Programming:**

Significant improvements were reported in meal quality and participation. Dining attendance has increased substantially, with reports of up to 30% growth. The kitchen has transitioned toward more scratch cooking and reduced reliance on processed foods. Positive feedback from the community has increased.

LaDonna Weeks, Uintah Care Center Certified Dietary Manager, was introduced and recognized for her leadership in improving dietary services at the Golden Age Center.

Corrective action plans are in progress, with compliance expected by March.

Staffing Updates:

- New kitchen manager hired and is being trained by LaDonna Weeks and a case manager, LPN, hired and being trained by the State for the Alternatives and Caregiver programs and Katrina will oversee both employees as well as all the programs.
- Continued improvements in leadership and program oversight at the Golden Age Center

Sunset Room Rental Agreement

After further review, administration recommended discontinuing all facility rentals due to staffing limitations, lack of alignment with the center's mission, and minimal financial benefit.

The Board discussed existing reservations and operational challenges.

Richard Jolley motioned that the Golden Age Center facilities be used only for Golden Age Center programs and activities, eliminating all external rentals and after-hours use

Seconded by Ed Long

***Richard Jolley - Aye, Robert Hall – Aye Ed Long – Aye and Terri Rimer - Aye
Motion passed unanimously***

Staff will notify all existing reservations. Flexibility may be considered for previously scheduled events on a case-by-case basis.

Uintah Care Center Funding and Compliance Updates:

- Upper Payment Limit (UPL) funds received, though reduced due to lower Medicaid census

- \$500,000 received from the County care center tax investment fund in January, with an additional \$500,000 expected in February per Commissioner Laursen

Director of Nursing Report – Jamie Walker

Staffing updates included recent nurse turnover and a new nurse starting the following week. One nurse rescinded her resignation. CNA staffing remains stable, and recruitment continues.

Patient census remains variable, with increased short-term Medicare admissions and lower Medicaid census.

Golden Age Center Report – Katrina Sweet

For the month of January:

- **Total meals served:** 7,024
 - Home Delivered Meals: ~6,500 (including weekend meals)
 - Congregate and takeout meals: ~1,552
- **Transportation:** 882 total trips (including assisted transportation)
- **Activities:** Average of approximately 53 participants at dances

Participation and engagement continue to increase, and compliance efforts are progressing well.

Public Comment

Public comments were received regarding the discontinuation of building use for outside groups, including Bunco and quilting groups. Concerns focused on communication and loss of access.

The Board clarified that the new policy applies equally to all outside groups and that the facility will be reserved exclusively for Golden Age Center programming.

Adjournment – Robert Hall

Richard Jolley motioned to adjourn the February 19, 2026 meeting

Terri Rimer seconded the motion

Robert Hall – Aye, Richard Jolley – Aye and Terri Rimer – Aye

Motion passed unanimously