

Ouray County Regional Service Authority
Regular Board Meeting, September 16, 2025
12:30 PM – Ridgway Public Library, Ridgway, CO

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Roll Call by Board President Nancy Nixon at 12:30pm.

Board Members: Laura Berg (District 1), Nancy Nixon (District 2), Mary Ann Guilinger (District 3), Carolyn Dresler (District 4), Deborah Denise Boerner (District 5)

Staff: Josey Scoville

Provider Rep: Dr. Bryce Lokey, Dr. Joel Gates, Susie Blakney

Public: Vicki Werner Huggins, Ethan Funk, Diedra Silbert (all from OCSAP)
Cat Lichtenbelt (OCEMS)

2. Additions and deletions to the agenda

- a. Carolyn would like it noted that the data gathering project is actually old business not new.

3. Approval of August 19, 2025 RSA Board Meeting Minutes

- a. **Motion to approve the August 19, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes without changes.**

Motion by Mary Ann, 2nd by Nancy, all in favor, motion passed.

4. Public Input

“Public Input” agenda item is a time when the public may bring forth items of interest or concern. No formal action may be taken on these items during this time due to the open meeting law provision; however, they may be placed on a future posted agenda if action is required. Each speaker will be limited to a maximum of five minutes, and the format shall be limited to presentations only. The Board will not engage with any speaker during the “Public Input” item. Personal attacks, personnel and employment matters, the use of profanity or ethnic, racial or gender-oriented slurs are prohibited, as is any “disorderly conduct” which violations State or Local law and shall not be permitted. If any individual disregards these rules, they will be asked to leave the RSA Board Meeting.

- a. Ethan Funk – OCSAP – Talking to a support advocate is different than police, don’t have to report to court. Requesting facility space for interviewing. Would need 24/7 access. Board of 9, mostly volunteer. 1 paid PT employee. Dr. Gates is supportive of the vision but concerned about HIPAA privacy for his patients, building access/security issues, and nowhere available for a dedicated space. Will have to discuss as a regular agenda item at a future meeting.

5. Medical Provider Input

- a. Annual Report (see attached)
 - i. Patient visits remaining stable month to month. Only dip was in 2024 when 2 providers left at once and new one wasn’t hired yet. Third provider visits only increase seasonally.
 - ii. Behavioral Health visits increasing month by month. Demand continues to increase.
 - iii. Demographics holding steady. Ridgway & Ouray residents = 77%+ of visits.
 - iv. 3% of visits are youth under age 20. Majority of kids go to pediatrics upon discharge from hospital after birth because pediatric visits happen at the hospital after birth.
 - v. Payer mix hasn’t shifted in a statistically significant way from 2024-2025.
 - vi. X-Ray: without storage & radiologist, it doesn’t make sense at this point to keep the x-ray technician position posted. Evaluating now.
 - 1. Susie will call the x-ray inspection person to see what he thinks disposal cost would be. Disposal cost would also include removing lead-lined walls.
 - vii. 2026 Budget Requests from CPH:
 - 1. 5 laptops for clinical staff (\$12k)
 - 2. Provider licenses (depending on vendor)

3. Staff retention incentives. Workforce is the single greatest challenge. (RSA will consult with legal regarding this request.)

6. Administrator Report

- a. Initial Certification of Values was received from the Ouray County Assessor. Number was used to create initial draft budget for 2026.
- b. Standard financial reports are in Dropbox. No big changes from last month.
- c. Three invoices for approval:
 - i. Ouray County Plaindealer: \$32.20 (monthly 2" x 2" meeting ad) x 2 = \$64.40 (July & Aug)
 - ii. Home Depot (payable to DD Boerner): \$105.39 (solar lights)
 - iii. Henry Schein (Or CPH?): \$8,312.74 (new sterilizer)
 1. Waiting to pay this check – Henry Schein is reprocessing with RSA tax exempt information.

Motion to approve payment of OCP Ad and reimbursement to DD Boerner for Home Depot solar lights purchase.

Motion by Mary Ann, 2nd by Carolyn. All in favor, motion passed.

7. Old Business

- a. Strategic Planning (reviewing board member research from wish lists)
 - i. Tabling this discussion due to a lack of time during this meeting.

8. New Business

- a. Data Gathering Project - Cat Lichtenbelt with Ouray County EMS
 - i. Ask: \$80-90k to support the project.
 1. Hoping to recruit 3-5 students to do a practicum & capstone project with the Colorado School of Public Health at CU Anschutz on this survey project. Could incentivize with payment. \$31/hr, 120 hours (up to 130 max), they also need to travel to come up here and see our area in person as rural/urban challenges differ.
 2. Includes platform cost for the data synthesis.
 - ii. What sort of information are you gathering from this survey? (Gates question)
 1. What are the gaps?
 2. Do the gaps lead to needing a community integrated healthcare services agency? What specifically does it need to serve?
 3. Fire Dept / EMS – moving towards a change towards an authority. Does the data support the need for that change?
 - iii. Students pick projects between October – January.
 1. Would need a collaboration / agreement in place with the county.
 - iv. RSA requesting Cat come back next month with a detailed proposal that includes specific costs & resource allocation.
 - v. Cat requests the RSA let her know what our strategic planning goals are.
- b. Discussion re: RSA Support of CPH Ridgway Staff.
 - i. Need to check with legal about how we can use public funds.
- c. Presentation of Draft Budget for 2026 (Josey)

9. Next Meeting:

- a. Meeting needs to be before October 15th so that the draft budget can be submitted to the state. October 14, 2025

Board Meeting at **12:30pm**, Alpine Bank, Ridgway, CO

10. Adjournment

a. **Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:51pm.**

Motion by DD, 2nd by Nancy, all in favor, motion passed.

Deadline for agenda items for the next regular meeting:

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 4:00pm.

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