



# RURAL SOLUTIONS

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**Mission Statement:**

*"It is the mission of Rural Solutions to collaborate to address issues and create positive solutions for the health and well being of our diverse communities in Northeast Colorado."*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR/ANNUAL MEETING  
Friday, August 5, 2011  
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Plainsmen Grill  
Sterling, Colorado**

<b>Board of Directors</b>		<b>Present</b>
<b>Rick Agan</b>	Washington County Department of Human Services	
<b>Lisa Ault</b>	Sedgwick County Department of Human Services	
<b>Sandy Baker</b>	Area Agency on Aging	<b>X</b>
<b>Colette Barksdale</b>	Lincoln County Department of Human Services	
<b>Patricia Brewster-Willeke (Becky Meyer)</b>	Rural Communities Resource Center	<b>X</b>
<b>Fred Crawford</b>	Logan County Department of Social Services	<b>X</b>
<b>John Crosthwait</b>	Northeast Colorado Health Department	<b>X</b>
<b>Mary Gross</b>	Morgan County Family Center	<b>X</b>
<b>Dawn Garcia</b>	Eastern Colorado Workforce Center	<b>X</b>
	Yuma County Department of Social Services	
<b>Liz Hickman</b>	Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc.	<b>X proxy</b>
<b>Judy McFadden</b>	Phillips County Department of Social Services	
<b>Kindra Mulch</b>	Kit Carson Health and Human Services	
<b>Judy Fehringer</b>	Eastern CO Services for the Developmentally Disabled	<b>X</b>
<b>Steve Romero</b>	Morgan County Department of Social Services	<b>X</b>
<b>Ruth Seedorf</b>	Baby Bear Hugs	
<b>Debbie Zwirn</b>	County Commissioner	<b>X</b>
<b><u>Ex-Officio Members</u></b>		
<b>Sheila Anzlovar</b>	Northeast Colorado Child Resource and Referral	
<b>Jackie Reynolds</b>	Rural Solutions Executive Director	<b>X</b>
<b>Glenda Bang</b>	Rural Solutions Coordinator	
<b>Maranda Miller</b>	Rural Solutions Project Coordinator	<b>X</b>
<b>Michelle Sharp</b>	Rural Solutions Coordinator	<b>X</b>
<b>Jerri Spear</b>	CO. Dept. of Human Services Field Administrator	<b>X</b>

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.
  - a. Changes to the Agenda – None.
  - b. In-kind Reporting – Reporting sheets were completed by Board Members.
  - c. Proxies Discussion – Proxies need to be updated annually.
  - d. Introductions – Introductions were completed. Guests: Marti Wooten from Lincoln County Public Health, April Tybor who will be replacing Marti in January, and Pat, the WIC coordinator in Lincoln County.

B. Consent Items

- a. May 6, 2011 Minutes
- b. July 1, 2011 Minutes
- c. July 2011 Financial Report
- d. May and June 2011 Executive Report
- e. July 2011 Executive Report
- f. May 2011 Coordinators Report
- g. June 2011 Coordinators Report

Fred moved to approve the consent items as listed. Steve seconded the motion and consent items were approved.

C. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee – Mary Gross – Mary reported that the committee continues to meet to discuss financial policies, including expense reporting and hospitality expenses.
- b. Board Development/Nominating Committee – Fred Crawford – The committee nominated Ruth Seedorf for Vice-president and Mary Gross for Treasurer.
- c. Fundraising Committee – Rick Agan – This year's raffle was successful as Rural Solutions made approximately \$1,200. Rick feels that Ballyneal will continue to support the raffle next year.
- d. Personnel Committee – Sandy Baker – Sandy reviewed goals that staff have set for next year in their yearly performance reviews.
- e. Symposium/Special Events Committee – Debbie Zwirn.
- f. By-laws/Policy Committee – Ruth Seedorf/Judy Fehringer – Judy distributed

yearly policy packets for the board members to sign.

D. Old Business

- a. Legislative Breakfast – After much discussion the Board decided to sponsor this year's Breakfast on September 30<sup>th</sup>. All national legislators or their representative will be able to attend but we have not heard back from the state legislators yet.
- b. Presentation of 2011-2012 Budget – Jackie presented the organizations budget. She feels that this is going to be a tough year for the organization since we have had a couple of big grants end.

E. New Business

- a. Election of Officers for 2011-2013 –Ruth Seedorf was elected Vice-president and Mary Gross was elected Treasurer.
- b. 2011-12 Committees – Debbie presented the Committee List for this year.
- c. Board Member Contact Information Updates – Members updated the information for this list.
- d. 10:45 a.m. – Guest Speaker – Connie Nelson spoke to the group about health and personal wellness.
- e. Suicide Prevention Curriculum Activity – Maranda Miller
- f. Lunch/Workforce Demographics in Northeast Colorado Presentation – Dawn Garcia
- g. Rural Solutions Resource Directory Update – Michelle
- h. Getting Ahead Program Activity – Kimber VanScoy
- i. Teen Drinking Survey-- Patricia Brewster-Willeke – Board Members and staff completed a survey for Youth Drinking and Driving. Patricia discussed the grant and program that RCRC has about Youth Drinking and Driving.
- j. Strategic Plan Update – Postponed until next month.
- k. Need for Bridges Training Discussion—Postponed until next month.
- l. Healthier Living Colorado Activity – Michelle Sharp
- m. Information/Board Member Updates/Upcoming Events
- n. Adjournment

Next Board Meeting: September 2, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Romero, Secretary

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Date