

**Rural Solutions
Executive Director's Activity Report
For August 2011
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Highlights of August 2011

- Rural Solutions held its annual meeting on August 5th. Thank you so much if you were able to attend the meeting. I think we accomplished the business we needed to complete and we were also able to showcase our programs, trainings and work we do at this organization. I hope you enjoyed the day!
- On August 1, Glenda and I attended a State-required meeting in Fort Collins to discuss the end of the Fatherhood Project. I can't believe that we have had this grant for 5 full years. Colorado is hoping to receive a second round of funding from the federal government to continue the Fatherhood work in the state.
- I attended a meeting in Fort Morgan organized by Lt. Governor Garcia's office to discuss the needs of young children in our communities. Mr. Garcia has several people in his office whose job it is to provide leadership to the state around programs for young children.
- Helps for Abused Partners and Rural Solutions continue to plan two Teen Health Fairs to be held this fall. Merino's Fair will be September 28th, 8:30 to noon. Caliche's Fair will be October 14th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. We will be contacting several of your organizations to participate in these teen health fairs.
- On August 26th, I attended a meeting sponsored by Reggie Bicha, Executive Director of Colorado Department of Human Services. The goal of the meeting was to gather comments and input about the effectiveness of CDHS to develop a State Strategic Plan.

Financial News

- The Finance Committee met on August 29th to continue developing/refining procedures and policies around financial practices for the organization.

Community Connections

August 1st: Attended NECALG Non-emergent Medical Transportation Advisory meeting in Sterling.

August 23rd: Attended monthly RPD meeting by conference call. Next month's meeting will be in Cheyenne Wells.

Upcoming Events and News:

September 7-8th: Michelle and I plan to attend a conference in Keystone which will help us jumpstart the Komen Grant we received to establish and support a Northeast Colorado Women's Wellness Coalition.

September 27th: Teen Health Fair at Merino High School. 8:30 to noon.

September 30th: Rural Solutions Legislative Breakfast in Akron.

October 7th: Older Adults Speak Out in Sterling.

October 14th: Teen Health Fair at Caliche High School. 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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