

Rural Solutions
Executive Director's Activity Report
For December 2008
Submitted by Jackie Reynolds

Highlights of December

- Maranda was hospitalized on December 16th and then admitted to Presbyterian/St. Luke Hospital in Denver. She will be there until her baby is born.

Financial News

- Our yearly audit is being completed by Dave Kaufman. He will present the audit to the Board at the January meeting.
- I am fairly sure that Rural Solutions received the CHAPP HIV Grant from CDPHE. This grant will survey the needs of health and human services providers in Northeast Colorado who serve the HIV population. The Center for Strategic Research co-wrote the grant with us and will provide expertise in the survey portion of the grant while Rural Solutions will be the local grant coordinator. The grant is very short, 6 months.

Preventing Suicide Initiative and Office of Suicide Prevention Grant for Seniors.

- See attached report from Maranda.

Health Disparities Grant

- See Maranda's report.

Rural Philanthropy Days Continuation Grant

- Rural Solutions is sponsoring a Nonprofit Economic Summit: Surviving These Economic Times on January 15, 2009, in Akron. The event is very much in the planning stages.
- Rural Solutions is also planning to sponsor a series of one-day workshops about "Understanding the Colorado's Common Grant Application". Our plan is to have three workshops on consecutive dates, hopefully in February. I have been negotiating with both NJC and Colorado Resource Center to present these workshops.

Fatherhood Initiative

- I hired Glenda Bang from Sterling to coordinate the Fatherhood Initiative for this year. She will work 10 hours a week.
- I visited the Elbert County Fatherhood Project coordinator on December 12. The fatherhood project is going well in Elbert County.

- Glenda and I attended in final meeting/celebration of the Wisdom Industries fatherhood class held at the Pizza Hut on December 18th. Evaluations were very positive about the class the men in the class would like to continue to meet on a monthly basis.
- We scheduled a Fatherhood Advisory Council meeting for January 7th at 2 p.m. here at the Rural Solutions office.

Bridges out of Poverty Project

- I will deliver this training to Kit Carson Health and Human Services staff in Burlington on January 29 and 30th.
- There will be a training in Sterling on February 26-27 at NJC.

Community Connections

- December 2nd: Attended the Older Adults Resource Council in Fort Morgan.
- December 9th: Educational Consortium meeting in Fort Morgan.
- December 9th: Logan County Design Team meeting in Sterling.
- December 12th: Michelle attended the Northeastern Colorado Tripartite Board Community Action Agency meeting in Sterling.
- December 15th: Attended the CASA for the Plains Advisory meeting in Sterling.
- December 17th: Navigator Luncheon in Fort Morgan. The Navigator Luncheons are excellent networking events for my and all the staff each month.

Upcoming Events and News:

- The Rural Solutions office will be closed from December 24th to January 5 and all staff will take vacation during that time.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Reynolds
December 30, 2008