

**Rural Solutions
Executive Director's Activity Report
For February 2009
Submitted by Jackie Reynolds**

Highlights of February

- It was a short and sometimes unproductive month for me. Thank goodness for good staff who work hard and fill in when I am gone. I took 16 hours of comp time to nurse my cold.
- I was forced to cancel the Bridges out of Poverty training on the 26-27th. I apologize if I inconvenienced you or your staff with this postponement of the training. We have rescheduled the training for March and one in early April, both in Sterling.
- We continue to work on HIV/AIDS Prevention Assessment of NE Colorado grant. Staff spent much time getting these efforts started in the region.
- Rural Solutions contracted with the Center for Research Strategies (CRS) to serve as the local coordinator for the Child Abuse Rates in NE Colorado study. Many organizations and agencies have been very supportive of both of these efforts with staff time and expertise focused on these grants.
- Maranda plans to return to work from maternity leave on March 9th. We are looking forward to having her back at work!

Financial News

- We purchased a new laptop computer. One of the Outreach Workers is using at right now. As we do more trainings, we often need a second newer laptop.
- We have a CD, originally \$10,000 that has come due. We can roll it into an 11-month CD with 2.15 interest rate.

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

- Maranda is on maternity leave.

Health Disparities Grant

- Please see Michelle's monthly report.

Rural Philanthropy Days Continuation Grant

- Rural Solutions sponsored a series of one-day workshops about "Understanding the Colorado's Common Grant Application". The workshops were funded through RPD and the Anschutz Grant.
February 10th --Sterling. Gail LaForce from NJC was the presenter. Over 40 attended.
February 17th—Limon. Sarah Fischler from the Colorado Resource Center presented the workshop. 9 attended.

February 24th—Burlington. Sarah Fischler from the Colorado Resource Center also presented this workshop. 16 attended.

All workshops were well attended and well received. We have had several requests for more trainings of this type for nonprofit leaders. Thanks to both NJC and MCC in Limon and MCC in Burlington for co-sponsoring these workshops. The collaboration is nice!

- El Pomar is sponsoring a Nonprofit Economic Summit: Surviving These Economic Times after the El Pomar Luncheon on March 3rd at NJC. The event looks to be a good chance for funders and grantees to talk about the economic times and how we might all be affected.

Fatherhood Initiative

- Please see Glenda's monthly report.

Bridges out of Poverty Project

- The training in Sterling on February 26-27 at NJC was cancelled. Two new trainings are scheduled:
March 23-24 at NJC.
April 2-3 at Logan County Department of Social Services.
- I will train Baby Bear Hugs staff in Yuma on March 11th and April 8th, 9:00 am-3:30 pm. Call Ruth Seedorf if you want to attend this training.

Community Connections

- February 10th: I attended the grantwriting workshop in Sterling.
- February 12th: Rural Solutions, as a member of Logan County Design Team, co-sponsored an evening workshop for the community about How to Survive the Financial Times. About 25 consumers attended the workshop.
- February 17th: I attended the grantwriting workshop in Limon.
- February 18th: Michelle attended the Navigator Luncheon in Fort Morgan.
- February 20th: Michelle attended the NECALG Non-emergent Meeting in Sterling.
- February 24th: Glenda attended the grantwriting workshop in Burlington
- February 24th: Michelle attended the Career Fair Planning Meeting here in Sterling.

Upcoming Events and News:

- I plan to take a couple of weeks vacation after tax season is over at our house, April 20-30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Reynolds
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