

Rural Solutions
Executive Director's Activity Report
For June 2010
Submitted by Jackie Reynolds

Highlights of June 2010

- Well it's been a busy, exciting month.
- The Golf Raffle was very successful. We raised around \$1,600. The winner was from the Flagler area and VERY excited to be the proud owner of Ballyneal golf passes. Second place winner was from Sterling and was excited to go to Glenwood Springs to play golf.
- The Legislative Breakfast went well. We had around 45 people and 4 legislators or their representatives attend. I was particularly happy that some commissioners and legislators who are running for office attended the event. What do you think of the June time for the event?
- We wrote grants to the Women's Wellness Connection program and a letter of intent to The Colorado Trust to apply for their new round of grants. Wait and see.
- I met with the 211 project people from Weld County United Way in June. They received a grant of \$5,000 to expand providers on the 211 database and work on a public awareness campaign in the region. I hope to sub-contract this project for Rural Solutions. It would work well into the work/activities/meetings we already do.
- Maranda and Mary, a trainer from Centennial Mental Health, held their first ASIST training in June. It is a two-day training for professionals and others around suicide prevention. It was a successful training. I have received several reports that they provided a very good training.
- We had a very productive Board Retreat in Fort Morgan at the end of the month. I want to thank you so very much for all the time, energy, and expertise you give to Rural Solutions. Without all of you supporting the organization and the programs we offer, the organization would not exist. Thank you.
- On a fun note, all Rural Solutions' staff and families, particularly the Health Disparities Outreach Workers, met at Casa Bonita in Denver for lunch on June 18th. It was a great final event for the grant.
- Don't forget that we have a small meeting room in our office if you need to use it, holds about 8 comfortably with phone conferencing available.

Financial News

- The Health Disparities grant ended June 30th. Isis Garcia, Toni Garcia, Elodia Lopez, and Rose Padilla will no longer be employed by Rural Solutions. Rose will

continue on part-time as *Getting Ahead* Program facilitator. They have been wonderful employees and representatives for Rural Solutions these past four years of the grant.

- We negotiated new health insurance rates for employees who access our insurance plan.
- Our new budget for 2010-2011 was accepted by the board at the retreat.

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

- Please see Maranda's monthly report.

Health Disparities Grant

- The Health Disparities grant will come to an end on June 30, 2010. It has been a great grant. I have written letters of termination to the 4 outreach workers who were the very center of this grant. They expanded the services, presence, and _ of Rural Solutions in all counties.

Rural Philanthropy Days Continuation Grant

- We sponsored a Board Training in Sterling on June 14th. Tom Westfall facilitated the workshop. Around 35 people attended and Tom did a very nice job. I hope to sponsor another training like this in the Burlington area in late summer

Community Connections

- June 10th: Met with 211 staff to discuss working collaboratively with the project in 7 counties in the region.
- June 10th: Met with Susan Brassler at Akron Head Start about collaborating with their Head Start to provide the *GAP* program to their parents. It was be a collaboration with Washington County Connections, Rural Solutions, and Head Start. Exciting stuff.
- June 21st: *CASA* meeting for Logan and Morgan counties.
- June 28th: Centennial AHEC meeting in Yuma to learn about and review the Colorado Cancer State Plan.

Upcoming Events and News:

- I plan to take vacation July 12-19th.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director