

Rural Solutions
Executive Director's Activity Report
For March 2010
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Highlights of March 2010

- As always, it was a very busy month. I completed and submitted a new SSUF grant and a grant to Colorado Division of Behavioral Health.
- Save the Date cards were sent to commissioners, elected officials, and those running for offices for the Legislative Breakfast scheduled for June 17th.
- I attended the final meeting for the "Centennial Mental Health's Communities Coming Together for Mental Health Initiative" in Yuma with community stakeholders who are interested in integrated mental health services in Northeast Colorado. It has been interesting to be a part of this process.
- We are about to complete the FDC training (training for family resource workers in our region). We will take the final test in late May.
- I met with Cathy Robinson, Director of Elbert County Human Services in March. We discussed the programs that Rural Solutions offers.
- I was invited to attend the Governor's Energy Outreach Colorado Roundtable. The meeting was to highlight as many energy savings programs/efforts as possible that exist or are being developed in Northeast Colorado. It was actually a long list. There are many projects going on with cities and counties and individuals around energy development and conservation. Interesting meeting.
- I met with staff and updated all performance evaluations for 2010-2011.
- Staff attended the Social Media and Online Communication training in Fort Morgan. Twitter, anyone?
- I hired Dorian Brown from Limon to work a few hours a week to help Rose Padilla get the *Getting Ahead* class going and work on the Women's Wellness Connection. This position will be temporary.
- Staff have been very busy this month attending health fairs and resource fairs. They represent Rural Solutions well. Be sure to take a look at their monthly reports.
- I plan to write for the next round of Fatherhood Grant in April.
- 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

- Mary Gross and I met to begin the work on the 2010-2011 budget for the organization.

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

- Please see Maranda's monthly report.

Health Disparities Grant

- Please see Michelle's monthly report.

Rural Philanthropy Days Continuation Grant

- I helped Erin from the Temple Buell Foundation create a contact list for the event they plan to sponsor in Sterling in April. My plan is begin work on a comprehensive contact list for all elected officials in the region, including town mayors, school board members, and commissioners. We have a partial list and it needs to be updated. Always a challenge. Hopefully, we will have a list that is fairly complete when we begin to plan the next Rural Philanthropy Days.
- We will be sponsor a QuickBooks for Nonprofits training in Yuma on April 27th. It will be a follow up training for those organizations that attended the initial training in November.

Fatherhood Initiative

- Please see Glenda's report.

Community Connections

- March 5-6th: Attended a Second Wind Fund training in Denver around fund raising and program sustainability. Maranda and I attended.
- March 8th: Met with Shawn Young again from Advocates for Young Adults who sits on the Governor's Jobs Task Force. He is interested in working with organizations in Northeast Colorado developing programs to work with people who live in poverty.
- March 10th: Attended Centennial Mental Health Communities Coming Together meeting in Yuma. I believe this is the final meeting for this initiative
- March 19th: FDC Training in Akron.
- March 25th: Social Media and Online Communications Training in Fort Morgan.

Upcoming Events and News:

April 27th: Follow up QuickBooks Training for those organizations that attended the training in November.

April 29-30th: Bridges out of Poverty Training for Centennial Mental Health staff in Sterling.

May 13-14th: Bridges out of Poverty Training for Centennial Mental Health staff in Fort Morgan.

May 24-28th: I will be on vacation.

June 14th: Board Development Training for Nonprofit Organizations here in Sterling.
Tom Westfall will facilitate this training.

June 17th: Legislative Breakfast in Akron, 8:30 -12:00.

June 30th: Rural Solutions Annual Board Retreat. Location still to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

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