



RURAL SOLUTIONS

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Mission Statement:

"To collaborate to address issues and create positive solutions for the health and well being of our diverse communities."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, February 4, 2009
9 a.m.
Logan County Central Services Building
Sterling, Colorado

Board of Directors		Present
Rick Agan	Washington County Department of Human Services	X
Lisa Ault	Sedgwick County Department of Human Services	X
Sandy Baker	Area Agency on Aging	X
Colette Barksdale	Lincoln County Department of Human Services	X
Patricia Brewster-Willeke (Becky Meyer)	Rural Communities Resource Center	X
Fred Crawford	Logan County Department of Social Services	X
John Crosthwait	Northeast Colorado Health Department	
Mary Gross	Morgan County Family Center	X
Celia Hardin – Ginger Allen	Eastern Colorado Workforce Center	X
Dave Henson	Yuma County Department of Social Services	
Liz Hickman	Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc.	X
Judy McFadden	Phillips County Department of Social Services	X
Kindra Mulch	Kit Carson Health and Human Services	
Ramona Proctor	Eastern CO Services for the Developmentally Disabled	X
Steve Romero	Morgan County Department of Social Services	X
Ruth Seedorf	Baby Bear Hugs	X
Debbie Zwirn	County Commissioner	X
<u>Ex-Officio Members</u>		
Sheila Anzlovar	Northeast Colorado Child Resource and Referral	
Tonya Lemley	Cheyenne County Department of Human Services	
Maranda Miller	Rural Solutions Project Coordinator	
Jackie Reynolds	Rural Solutions Executive Director	X
Michelle Sharp	Rural Solutions Project Assistant	X
Jerri Spear	CO. Dept. of Human Services Field Administrator	
Susan Walton	Elbert County Department of Human Services	

- A. Call to Order--Lisa called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.
- a. Changes to the Agenda—no changes were made.
 - b. In-kind Reporting—Board members filled out in-kind report forms.
 - c. Proxies Discussion—Forms for attending proxy members were submitted.
 - d. Introductions were completed.
- B. Consent Items: Liz Hickman moved to approve the following consent items.
- a. Minutes of January 7, 2009 meeting
 - b. January 2009 Financial Statement
 - c. January 2009 Executive Director's Report-Jackie-Reported on HIV Grant, Fatherhood Grant, TANF Grant, Bridges out of Poverty
 - d. January 2009 Project Report-Michelle-Health Disparities Grant
 - e. Glenda's Project Report-Jackie reported on the Fatherhood Grant
- Fred Crawford seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- C. Committee Reports:
- a. Finance Committee –Mary- No report.
 - b. Fund Raising Committee – Rick
 - March—Golf Course Commitments due. Send in paperwork and print tickets.
 - April—sell tickets
 - May—drawing at first meeting. Jackie will look into who will do the drawing.
 - c. Personnel Committee – Sandy – No report.
- D. Old Business
- a. *Bridges out of Poverty* Training – Jackie trained Kit Carson County Health and Human Services Department last week. Training at NJC is scheduled for February 26th and 27th. March and April training is scheduled for Baby Bear Hugs. Jackie would like to have one in the Wray area in May. Jackie is going to do a presentation in Colorado Springs with the State Child Support Conference in June.
- E. New Business
- a. Mid-Year Program Update – Jackie – Updated under Executive Report.
 - b. New Staff Introductions – Jackie introduced Glenda Bang, new project coordinator for the Fatherhood Project. She will work 10 hours a week with the project and 10 hours a

week administrative work.

- c. Board Member Resignation – Dave Henson sent a letter of resignation from the Rural Solutions Board of Directors, effective immediately. Steve Romero moved to approve the resignation. Ramona seconded the motion. A discussion of the motion took place. Fred asked whether the director of Social Services was required to be on the board according to the bylaws. Ramona pointed out that even though several board members live in Yuma County, we continue to need representation from Yuma County. There was a discussion that we may need to go to the Yuma County commissioners to find a replacement to represent them. The bylaws state that a “director can resign at any time by giving written notice to the President of the Board.” Lisa will contact Dave as a courtesy to see if he may have another replacement. The motion carried with opposition from Debbie, Ruth and Colette.
- d. Progressive 15 – Lisa – Jackie and Lisa attended a Legislative Day on January 28th sponsored by Progressive 15. The message was that all agencies are feeling the effects of the budget cuts. There will be updates to the website for consumers to see where their taxes are specifically going. Governor Ritter spoke to the group about changes to many areas of government.
- e. MetLife Certification - Jackie – The new federal ERISA law requires that organizations that offer a retirement plan must have new rules for their 403b plans. Rural Solutions has a new 403b retirement plan that the board is requested to approve. There will be a \$20 per employee charge for MetLife to maintain the 403b plan. Liz Hickman moved to accept the 403b plan as written. Steve Romero seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- f. Upcoming Events – No report.
- g. Board Retreat – Save the date of June 24th.
- h. Symposium Ideas Discussion—Postponed until next month.
- i. Mini-Board Training-What Your Board Members Need to Know About Filing a 990 - presented by Jackie.
- j. Grant Ideas/Possibilities
- k. Other

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Next meeting: March 4, 2009 at 9 a.m. at Logan County Central Services Building in Sterling, Colorado

Respectfully submitted,

Judy McFadden, Acting Secretary

Date