



RURAL SOLUTIONS

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Mission Statement:

"It is the mission of Rural Solutions to collaborate to address issues and create positive solutions for the health and well being of our diverse communities in Northeast Colorado."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friday, January 07, 2011

9 a.m.

Logan County Central Services Building
Sterling, Colorado

Board of Directors		Present
Rick Agan	Washington County Department of Human Services	
Lisa Ault	Sedgwick County Department of Human Services	X
Sandy Baker	Area Agency on Aging	X
Colette Barksdale	Lincoln County Department of Human Services	Phone
Patricia Brewster-Willeke (Becky Meyer)	Rural Communities Resource Center	
Fred Crawford	Logan County Department of Social Services	X
John Crosthwait	Northeast Colorado Health Department	
Mary Gross	Morgan County Family Center	X
Dawn Garcia	Eastern Colorado Workforce Center	X
	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/Dawn James	Kit Carson Health and Human Services	Phone
Judy Fehringer	Eastern CO Services for the Developmentally Disabled	X
Steve Romero	Morgan County Department of Social Services	
Ruth Seedorf	Baby Bear Hugs	
Debbie Zwirn	County Commissioner	X
<u>Ex-Officio Members</u>		
Sheila Anzlover	Northeast Colorado Child Resource and Referral	Phone
Glenda Bang	Rural Solutions Coordinator	X
Maranda Miller	Rural Solutions Project Coordinator	X
Jackie Reynolds	Rural Solutions Executive Director	X
Michelle Sharp	Rural Solutions Coordinator	X
Jerri Spear	CO. Dept. of Human Services Field Administrator	X

9:00 a.m. LICC Meeting Part C was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Vicki Folkert chaired the LICC meeting.

- A. Call to Order--Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.
 - a. Changes to the Agenda
 - b. In-kind Reporting – Board Members filled out 2011 In-kind Reporting forms.
 - c. Proxies Discussion – Karla Rosas served as proxy for Liz Hickman. Tonya Felzein served for Judy Fehringer.
 - d. Introductions were made.

- B. Consent Items
 - a. Minutes of November 3, 2010 meeting – Fred moved to accept the minutes and Sandy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
 - b. November 2010 Financial Statement
 - c. December 2010 Financial Statement -- Fred moved to accept the November and December financial statements and Mary seconded the motion. The financial statements were approved.
 - d. November-December 2010 Executive Director's Report
 - e. Project Coordinator's Reports

- C. Call for Executive Session – Lisa moved to enter into executive session. Mary seconded the motion. The Board of Directors entered in to executive session at 9:40 a.m. The Board completed the Executive Session at 10:17 a.m.

- D. Committee Reports – No committee reports

- E. Old Business
 - a. Bridges out of Poverty Evaluation –Jackie presented a proposal from Daniel Brisson from the University of Denver School of Social Work for \$5,140 to evaluate the Getting Ahead Program in Northeast Colorado. The proposal includes evaluations of surveys and assessments, focus groups, and a final report. Lisa moved that if the aHa! Process will not help fund the evaluation then Rural Solutions will fund the evaluation up to \$5,140. Mary seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote. Jackie will enter into a contract with Daniel and facilitate the evaluation process.
 - b. Records Retention/Destruction Policy –Lisa moved to accept the Records

Retention/Destruction Policy as presented. Sandy seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

- c. Whistleblower Policy – Lisa moved to accept the Whistleblower Policy as presented. Mary seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- d. Second Wind Fund Update – Jackie updated the Board about the progress of negotiations with the affiliate program. Jackie sent a letter that proposed to make the Second Wind Fund a program of Rural Solutions doing business as Second Wind Fund. The Second Wind Fund Affiliate board will consider our request.

F. New Business

- a. Dawn Garcia, Director of Eastern Colorado Workforce Center – Dawn introduced herself and summarized her professional background. Lisa moved to accept Dawn as a Rural Solutions Board of Directors member. Sandy seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- b. New Colorado Health Foundation Grant – Rural Solutions received a grant for \$229,000 for 3 years. The grant will need a half-time coordinator.
- c. Second Wind Fund Fundraiser – Maranda discussed the fundraiser planned for April 16th which will include a dinner and an illusionist. We plan to have corporate tables. Details next month.
- d. Keeping Up with the Media Discussion – Board members discussed the various options for updating and expanding our media systems. We need to update our organization's website and create our Second Wind Fund website. Lisa suggested we contact the college or the high school and see if we can get help with these updates. We also discussed the pro's and con's of creating other media sites, including a Facebook page.
- e. Bridges out of Poverty Training – Jackie is planning a training in Fort Morgan in February. Centennial Mental Health will sponsor the training and hire Jackie as the trainer. The cost will be \$75 per person for the training and these fees will be given to CMH. Please sign up your staff members for this training.
- f. Membership Dues –The Board decided to continue the current rate structure for membership dues for 2011 and send out membership letters in January. They instructed Jackie to let members know about each member's personal contribution to the board.
- g. Legislative Breakfast – The Board discussed possible dates for the next Legislative Breakfast. The Board instructed Jackie to look at evaluations to see if participants liked the June date and to find out about the schedules for our legislators.
- h. Golf Raffle –After discussion, the Board decided to continue with the yearly golf raffle.

Mary would like another board member to be the gaming manager for Rural Solutions because her gaming license expires in April. Mary will keep an eye on the schedule and see if the State offers a new training for game managers. We will discuss this further in February.

- i. Additions to the Board – Jackie got an email from Marti Wooten, Public Health Nurse Director in Lincoln County, and she would like to be attend Rural Solutions’ meetings. It was determined that she be able to participate at the meetings but not be on the actual board. Jackie needs to check with Colorado Nonprofit Association to determine if non-profits meetings must be open to the public. We may want to post meetings on the website and use other mediums to let the public know about meeting dates and times. Kindra suggested that we should take a look at the by-laws and see how the board members are determined. Sandra pointed out that there is another AAA program in the southern counties. Karla added information about other organizations that have various board member/non-member participation. Jackie will let Marti know that she can attend meetings.
- j. Grant Ideas/Possibilities
- k. Other – Rural Solutions did a drawing to get people to complete the Health Disparities Survey. Attached is a thank you note from one of the winners.

Next Board Meeting: February 4, 2011. Meeting is adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Sharp, Acting Secretary

Date