

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

Highlights of July 2010

- It has been a rather quiet month here in the office. Michelle has worked hard to finish up the fiscal year. Most programs require a quarterly report in June so we have all worked on those reports. Most of us have taken at least a few days vacation.
- Mickie Sjoberg, project coordinator for the Getting Ahead Program, has resigned. She will continue to facilitate classes for Rural Solutions. We wish her the best.
- Michelle and Glenda completed the Healthier Living Colorado training in Denver. They are now trainers should we receive the Colorado Health Foundation grant to support this program.
- We received word that our letter of intent was accepted by the Colorado Trust and we are invited to write for the grant, due August 20th.
- We also received word that the Colorado Health Foundation is willing to consider our proposal. This is a long process and they are conducting a site visit BEFORE the grant is accepted on September 22nd. What a process this grant writing is!
- I met with Shawn Young from the Advocates for Young Adults out of Louisville. We continue to talk about our programs and how they might be able to complement each other. He has a Bootstraps program that may be a referral source for GAP participants. He is very interested in establishing a presence in NE Colorado.
- I met with Luann Boyer from Morgan County Extension, Mary Gross, and Barb Wacker to develop a Brain Wise curriculum training for the region. The Brain Wise program might be a good follow-up program for people in the GAP classes. I'll keep you posted.
- I attended the Progressive 15 meeting on July 22nd. Interesting meeting. They accepted a resolution to support the continuation of county human services offices rather than a regional organization. They also supported the DU proposal on immigration reform. This University of Denver study is interesting. They also talked about water issues in the region and whether large animals should be tagged/registered by the federal government. They are a very all-encompassing organization! Most importantly, they unanimously oppose Amendments 60, 61, and Proposition 101.
- 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

- Rural Solutions received word that we will receive the Women's Wellness Connection grant from CDPHE for 5 years! We will work with women in 8 counties in NE Colorado to navigate eligible women to the WWC program for screening services.

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

Rural Philanthropy Days Continuation Grant

Community Connections

- July 6th: Met with Shawn Young from Advocates for Young Adults.
- July 6th: Met with Luann Boyer about the Brain Wise curriculum training.
- July 19th: Attended the Executive Director's Support Group meeting in Akron.
- July 22nd: Attended the Progressive 15 meeting in Fort Morgan.
- July 29th: Attended the Child Passenger Seat Coalition meeting with NE Health Department.
- July 29th: Attended the Eastern Region Workforce Center board meeting in Fort Morgan. Rural Solutions and the GAP program were featured during the meeting.

Upcoming Events and News:

Respectfully submitted,

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