



# 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, March 4, 2011

9 a.m.

Tele-Meeting

By Phone

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

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by teleconference.
  - a. Changes to the Agenda -- Jackie added Rural Philanthropy Days to the agenda.
  - b. In-kind Reporting will be completed at the next meeting.
  - c. Proxies Discussion
  - d. Introductions

B. Consent Items

- a. Minutes of February 4, 2011 meeting
- b. February 2011 Financial Statement
- c. February 2011 Executive Director's Report --not completed.
- d. Project Coordinator's Reports

Fred moved to accept the Consent Items list under B., not including Executive Director's Report. The motion was seconded by Sandy which passed by unanimous vote.

C. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel Committee—Sandy Baker -- Jackie and Sandy met previous to the meeting. After discussion, Sandy instructed Jackie to complete staff evaluations during March. Staff will complete self evaluations then meet with Jackie to review goals and set new goals for the year. The Personnel Committee will meet to review them when completed.
- b. Special Event Committee—Debbie Zwirn and Maranda Miller. Maranda reported that the committee met by phone in February. The committee reviewed the information for the Second Wind Fund fundraiser. Maranda sent out packets to all board members with information for the event, including tickets to sell and information to sell corporate/business tables. The board discussed possible ways to support the event and make it successful to support the Second Wind Fund. Rick is buying a table for SWF and then giving back the tickets. Colette will buy a table and offer the tickets to her staff who may want to attend.
- c. Fundraising Committee—Rick Agan. Rick reported that he and Jackie had met earlier in the week. He has contacted Ballyneal for the support again this year to provide the grand prize. Members need to contact golf courses during March so that tickets will be available the first part of May to sell. The drawing will be June

1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Rural Solutions' office. Jackie will send out paperwork soon to get golf course signed up for the prizes.

#### D. Old Business

- a. Second Wind Fund Contract – Fred moved to accept to extend the Second Wind Fund contract with SWF, Inc. until June 30, 2011. Ginger seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote. This contract is needed until the SSUF grant ends since we use these funds for counseling services for young people.

#### E. New Business

- a. Legislative Breakfast -- Jackie has the breakfast set for June 17<sup>th</sup> in Akron at Event Center. There is no CCI meeting that Friday. Fred doesn't know if it is bad or good but small groups give lots of discussion even though movement from table to table does take time. Ruth mentioned that the committee might create a brief eye-catching presentation (really creative) and then have round tables about specific programs. Fred mentioned that we should garner as much time as we can from all our legislators about the current economic climate and their views on human service programs, John agreed as the state budget crisis will be affecting all our agencies and organizations by June. After discussion, the Board directed Jackie to call the Special Events Committee together to discuss the format of the Legislative Breakfast.
- b. Golf Raffle was discussed during Committee Reports.
- c. Second Wind Fund Fundraiser was discussed during Committee Report.
- d. Grant Ideas/Possibilities – Ruth reminded everyone to pass on information about grants as we learn about them.
- e. Rural Philanthropy Days – The steering committee met Wednesday in Yuma, to begin planning the event in 2012. Jackie added all Board Members to the email list and they will be receiving emails about RPD.
- f. Other
  - Colette wanted to know if anyone knew of grants that might be available to agencies to become more eco-friendly and use fewer paper records, using imaging of records. Ruth recommended connecting with the Colorado

Nonprofit Association, the Community Resource Center, JVA Consulting to begin a search for such grants.

- GAP classes are beginning this week or very soon in Sedgwick, Elbert, Yuma, Morgan, Logan and Kit Carson counties.
- Jackie attended the governor's economic development meeting in Haxtun. Counties will be developing regional economic plans which will be used to develop a state economic plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 1, 2011 in Sterling, Colorado.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maranda Miller, Acting Secretary

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Date