



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

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

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	
Patricia Brewster-Willeke (Becky Meyer)	Rural Communities Resource Center	X
Fred Crawford	Logan County Department of Social Services	
John Crosthwait	Northeast Colorado Health Department	X
Mary Gross	Morgan County Family Center	Phone
Celia Hardin	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	Kit Carson Health and Human Services	Dawn James Phone
Judy Fehringer	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	
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
Mickie Sjoberg	Rural Solutions Coordinator	
Jerri Spear	CO. Dept. of Human Services Field Administrator	

9:00 a.m. LICC Meeting

9:30 a.m. Second Wind Fund Meeting

- A. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m.
 - a. Changes to the Agenda – None.
 - b. In-kind Reporting – In-kind reporting sheets were completed by members.
 - c. Proxies Discussion – Dawn James is proxy for Kindra Mulch.
 - d. Introductions
- B. Consent Items
 - a. Minutes of January 6, 2010 meeting -
 - b. Minutes of February 3, 2010 meeting – Steve moved to accept both January and February minutes. Patricia seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
 - c. February 2010 Financial Statement – Liz moved to approve the financial statement as presented, Judy seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
 - d. February 2010 Executive Director’s Report – Jackie reported on upcoming events for Rural Solutions, including a Social Media training for nonprofits on March 25 in Fort Morgan. She will also be meeting with Cathy Robinson, Elbert County Department of Human Services Director, in March.
 - e. Project Coordinator’s Report
 - Health Disparities – Michelle –
 - Suicide Prevention Programs – Maranda – reported she and Mary from Centennial Mental Health completed the ASIST training. The ASIST training is a 2-day training for clergy, school counselors, case workers, police officers, and interested community members but not designed for mental health therapists. The first training is scheduled for May or June in Northeast Colorado
 - SSUF/Getting Ahead Project – Mickie – Jackie reported out that the first set of classes is getting ready to finish up in Fort Morgan. Patricia also reported on the progress of the group in Yuma. They have 13 in their group and it is very successful. Liz spoke how the *Eventide* cast had taken a Bridges out of Poverty book back and read it through and it helped them to get into the mind set for the

characters for the play. We are looking a possibly doing a GAP class in Spanish in the near future.

Fatherhood Program – Glenda –Glenda is working with Curtis Price who will be going to the Nurturing Fathers training and will be starting classes in Lincoln County. Kit Carson Correctional Facility will be starting a class this month. Glenda is going to approach the state to see if we can expand past the facility Kit Carson County. The Board discussed the possibility of having future board meetings in locations other than Sterling. Dawn mentioned that all along the I-70 corridor there is ITV capabilities. Someone has to have the bridge so that we can connect to each other. Rick said that we do have phone conferencing if more convenient to call in. Jackie will talk to Fred about using his new conference room where the phone system is better.

C. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee – Mary Gross – Finance Committee has not met this month.
 - b. Fundraising Committee – Rick Agan – Golf Raffle drawing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10. Members need to sign up golf courses and then we can get the tickets ready. Rick is working out the details with Ballyneal for the grand prize again. Jackie will send out the information and forms to sign up courses for prizes.
 - c. Nominating Committee – Sandy Baker – The Committee will begin to look for new officers for Rural Solutions. They will be voted upon in June to take over in July.
 - d. Special Events Committee – Debbie Zwirn –The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for June 17th in Akron. Minutes from the last committee meeting were handed out. We are going to follow the same agenda as previously planned. was discussed which tables to have, Each round of table presentations will last 15 minutes with 5 minutes for presenters to move to the next table. If there is more information that agencies want to be shared with participants, they can put it on the registration table or create their own information tables.
- Workforce Center: Celia
 - Suicide Prevention/Communities Coming Together for Mental Health: Karla/Liz and Maranda
 - Rural Solutions/Bridges out of Poverty/Getting Ahead Program: Jackie, Lisa, and Mickie

- Funding Issues with Human Services: Steve and Rick
- Family Resources in Northeast Colorado: Ruth and Mary
- Bringing Health Home: John C., Kindra/Dawn and John Gardner
- Older Adults and Developmental Disabilities: Sandy, Judy Fehringer, and Glenda

E. Old Business

- a. Women's Wellness Connection – Staff met last Friday with this organization to begin our work with this project in Northeast Colorado. Dawn reminded us that the demographic target for these services is all women within the age-range not a specific group. She also wanted to let us know that the funds are depleting quickly and to restrict searching out people.

F. New Business

- a. Annual Board Meeting in June –The Annual Board Retreat was set for June 30, 10 a.m-4 pm. The members instructed Rick to contact Ballyneal to see if we can meet there again this year. We will have the meeting on June 30 from 10 to 4. Jackie will get back with Lisa on that. Jackie and Lisa will discuss the agenda for the day.
- b. Bighorn Leadership Training – CAHEC sponsored the training. Jackie and Patricia attended the 2-day workshop that was held in Sterling. Jackie strongly recommended that board members or their staffs would benefit from this training, either the shorter version or the longer training. John reported that the 12 day training is still very affordable and valuable.
- c. Pinwheel Project – Scott Bates from the Colorado Children's Trust Fund called Jackie to see if we wanted to work with them to put out pinwheels to bring out awareness about child abuse prevention. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Everyone is willing. The board instructed Jackie to contact Scott and tell him that we would like to participate in the Pinwheel Project.
- d. Strategic Plan Work – All Strategic plans are on the website except the funding one, which will be added soon. Debbie suggested that we talk about all the parts of the plan at the retreat.
- e. Grant Ideas/Possibilities—The group discussed the upcoming SSUF Grant

funding opportunity.

- f. Other- Jackie passed around various recently published studies around the issues of health disparities, immigration, and child abuse that she thought might be of interest. Patricia reported that the Yuma City Council passed a resolution about the need for immigration reform, to decrease the disparity for the immigrant families.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 7, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Romero, Secretary

Date