



# 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 4, 2009

9 a.m.

Logan County Central Services Building  
Sterling, Colorado

<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>X</b>
<b>Sandy Baker</b>	Area Agency on Aging	<b>X</b>
<b>Colette Barksdale</b>	Lincoln County Department of Human Services	
<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>X</b>
<b>Celia Hardin – Ginger Allen</b>	Eastern Colorado Workforce Center	
<b>Dave Henson</b>	Yuma County Department of Social Services	
<b>Liz Hickman</b>	Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc.	<b>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>Ramona Proctor</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>X</b>
<b><u>Ex-Officio Members</u></b>		
<b>Sheila Anzlovar</b>	Northeast Colorado Child Resource and Referral	<b>X</b>
<b>Tonya Lemley</b>	Cheyenne County Department of Human Services	
<b>Maranda Miller</b>	Rural Solutions Project Coordinator	<b>X</b>
<b>Jackie Reynolds</b>	Rural Solutions Executive Director	<b>X</b>
<b>Michelle Sharp</b>	Rural Solutions Project Assistant	<b>X</b>
<b>Jerri Spear</b>	CO. Dept. of Human Services Field Administrator	
<b>Susan Walton</b>	Elbert County Department of Human Services	

- A. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am.
- a. Changes to the Agenda—None.
  - b. In-kind Reporting—Members completed in-kind reporting sheets.
  - c. Proxies Discussion—None this month.
  - d. Introductions—Introductions were completed.
- B. Consent Items:
- a. Minutes of February 4, 2009 meeting--The following additions were proposed to the minutes:
    - E. New Business: c. Board Member Resignation: Add the following sentence: “Lisa will contact Dave about being an ex-officio member to the Board.”
    - E. New Business: d. Progressive 15: “There will be updates to the Governor’s (word added) website...”Liz moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mary seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
  - b. February 2009 Financial Statement
  - c. February 2009 Executive Director’s Report –Jackie discussed several financial items listed on her report. We needed to purchase a new laptop for Isis our outreach worker in Yuma and Washington counties. The funds came from Health Disparities grant and we will do some trade with Ruth for rent. Also, the Board directed Jackie to roll a CD that has become due into an 11-month certificate for a better interest rate.
  - d. Project Coordinators Report
- Ruth moved to approve all other consent items. Fred seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- C. Committee Reports:
- a. Finance Committee – Mary – No report. The finance committee plans to meet in April.
  - b. Fund Raising Committee –Jackie will send the letter to the Secretary of State Friday with a copy of this year’s raffle ticket. The Board decided on the following golf raffle prizes:
    - Grand prize – Ballyneal Golf Course
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Glenwood Springs Golf Course
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pawnee Pines Golf Course in SterlingAll other prizes will be listed on the Rural Solutions website.
  - c. Personnel Committee – Sandy – The Personnel Committee plans to meet this month. Once the Committee has met the Finance Committee will meet to begin budget planning.
- D. Old Business

- a. *Bridges out of Poverty* Training Schedules – Jackie apologized for having to reschedule the trainings. We rescheduled to March 23 and 24 at NJC and April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Social Services. Jackie is going to train Baby Bear Hugs staff on March 11<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>. Jackie and Susie Walton in Elbert County are planning a training in September.
  - b. Ex-officio Board Member Designation – Lisa contacted Dave after last month’s meeting and discussed being an ex-officio member on the board. The board discussed the policies and procedures of being an ex-officio board member for Rural Solutions. After a lengthy discussion, Debbie moved to table the discussion about Dave’s status on the Board until after someone has contacted Dave’s board to discuss this issue. Ramona seconded the motion which passed. Debbie will contact Dave’s board to discuss the issues around Dave’s participation/status on the board and report back next month.
- E. New Business
- a. Raffle Policy – Michelle reported that the State informed her that the only restriction on raffle tickets is that the buyer must be 18 years old. After discussion, Liz moved that no board members, staff or immediate family in the household be able to purchase raffle tickets in his/her own name. Fred seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
  - b. Vacation Schedule – Jackie is going to take some time off at the end of March and two weeks in April, the 17<sup>th</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Board Representation Discussion – Board members continued the discussion about the unique board representation of Rural Solutions. Jackie contacted CAMPO who offered no opinion about our situation because our board makeup is unique. There was discussion about issues of liability when serving on the board. Rural Solutions has an indemnification clause in the bylaws and directors’ liability insurance. The Board is aware of the importance of following best practices and checks and balances in the organization. Ruth explained the role of board membership when serving on nonprofit boards. Ruth and Ramona volunteered to contact various experts in nonprofit management field to gather opinions about the unique issues of our board representation.
  - d. Board Retreat – Rick has secured a meeting room at Ballyneal in Holyoke for our yearly retreat on June 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have access to a meeting room and will eat lunch in the restaurant.
  - e. Symposium Ideas Discussion – Jackie asked for direction about what the board wants to do about sponsoring yearly symposiums. Lisa felt that we shouldn’t force a symposium, but if we have something come up we could discuss having a

symposium event. Liz felt that all the meetings, workshops, and trainings we sponsor across the region are serving the needs of our region. Rural Solutions has an HIV conference scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> that may serve as a symposium-like event. Jackie will contact the hospitals to see if they would help sponsor the event. The symposium committee should be available to help with such events.

- f. Grant Ideas/Possibilities – Jackie is planning to write for the fatherhood grant again. Jackie wants to do a Daddy Boot Camp grant with the Buell Foundation.
- g. Other - Ruth asked about the progress of the Child Abuse Rates Study. Rural Solutions serves as local contact for the Center for Research Strategies, the organization who has the grant. The counties have had some questions about their roles in the study and who will ultimately be responsible for writing actions plans for the project. Jackie does feel that there is some value to the study and that Rural Solutions can help bring regional information to help make the study as helpful and accurate as possible.
- h. Ruth wanted us to know about the publicity that never was. The Rocky Mountain News came out to Northeast Colorado and researched Baby Bear Hugs for an article. However, the News went out of business before it was published. Baby Bear Hugs and the region was almost famous!

Next meeting: April 1, 2009 at 9 a.m. at Logan County Central Services Building in Sterling, Colorado

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Steve Romero, Secretary

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Date