



# 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, May 5, 2010**  
**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>Phone</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>Celia Hardin</b>	Eastern Colorado Workforce Center	<b>X</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>Judy Fehringer</b>	Eastern CO Services for the Developmentally Disabled	<b>X</b>
<b>Steve Romero</b>	Morgan County Department of Social Services	<b>X</b>
<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>Glenda Bang</b>	Rural Solutions Coordinator	<b>X</b>
<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 Coordinator	<b>X</b>
<b>Mickie Sjoberg</b>	Rural Solutions Coordinator	<b>X</b>
<b>Jerri Spear</b>	CO. Dept. of Human Services Field Administrator	

9:00-10:00 a.m. Open House with “Colorado Immersion Training in Community Engagement” (CIT) Group sponsored by the High Plains Research Network.

A. Call to Order at 10:20

- a. Changes to the Agenda – Steve moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m. Fred seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The Executive Session ended at 11:15 a.m.
- b. In-kind Reporting – Sheets were completed by board members.
- c. Proxies Discussion – No proxies.
- d. Introductions – Introductions were made during the open house.

B. Consent Items

- a. Minutes of March 3, 2010 meeting – The following corrections were noted for the minutes: 1) page 3, first sentence. Change “a” to “at” 1<sup>st</sup> sentence. 2) Page 3, second paragraph to “approach the state about expanding (add) “in” Kit Carson County. Liz moved to approve the minutes with these two corrections, and Sandy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- b. March 2010 Financial Statement
- c. April 2010 Financial Statement – Ruth moved to accept both the March and April Financial Statements. Fred seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- d. April 2010 Executive Director’s Report – No report
- e. Project Coordinator’s Reports – Mickie reported on Getting Ahead Program which is going very well. After only 9 months, we have served 67% of the people in the various counties we targeted in the grant. This project has become a collaborative project as we are getting a lot of support from other agencies. Mickie handed out invitations for the GAP graduation on May 12 in Sterling.  
Maranda is getting ready to do her first ASIST training in June on the 23 and 24, in Fort Morgan. Other trainings are planned in Burlington in September 22 and 23, and Sterling in October.  
Glenda reported on the Fatherhood program in Limon.

### C. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee – Mary Gross – Lisa reported that the committee has met twice in April and is going to meet again after the board meeting.
- b. Personnel Committee – Sandy Baker – The committee received all yearly evaluations and are waiting on the finance committee for financial information before making staff recommendations.
- c. Fundraising Committee – Rick Agan – Rural Solutions did receive support from Ballyneal to be the grand prize for the golf raffle. The raffle will be on June 9<sup>th</sup> in Sterling.
- d. Nominating Committee – Fred Crawford – The committee met and recommended the following people for officers:
  - President--Debbie Zwirn
  - Vice-president—Ruth Seedorf
  - Secretary—Steve Romero

Lisa encouraged anyone who wants to be nominated for an office to please contact Fred or another member of this committee.

- e. Special Events Committee – Debbie Zwirn – Debbie reported that the Save the Date cards have gone out for the Legislative Breakfast scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>. The caterer has been contacted. We will remind the presenters about their presentations for the event. The governor will not be able to attend.

### E. Old Business

- a. Rural Solutions' Strategic Plan needs to be completed. We will review the plan during the board retreat on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### F. New Business

- a. Annual Board Meeting is scheduled for June 30. Jackie and staff will decide on a location. After discussion, Debbie suggested that we contact Heidi Zajic Eckland to be a facilitator for the retreat to help us review and continue to work to make the Strategic Plan a plan that is useable and practical. Jackie will contact Heidi to find out if she is interested in this job.
- b. ASIST Training

- c. Grant Ideas/Possibilities—SSUF Grant – Ruth spoke about the Launch SAMSHA grant, Colorado Trust has released an RFA, we will be attending that meeting on Thursday May 13. Ruth was thinking about creating a committee that actually looks at what grants are out there.
- d. Other –
  - i. ECSDD is running Clarence’s Corner every afternoon from 1-5 during the summer.
  - ii. Steve has been appointed to the Governor’s Early Childhood Council Commission. The focus of the Commission seems to be developing into quality of care, education, and a push to redevelop CCAP. Steve’s mom is very proud of him.
  - iii. Jackie has been reappointed the Colorado Children’s Trust Fund for a second three-year term.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm. The Finance Committee will meet at 1:00 pm at the Rural Solutions office.

Next Board Meeting: June 30, 2010 for the Annual Board of Directors’ Retreat.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Romero, Secretary

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Date