



# 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 6, 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>X</b>
<b>Patricia Brewster-Willeke (Becky Meyer)</b>	Rural Communities Resource Center	<b>X</b>
<b>Fred Crawford</b>	Logan County Department of Social Services	<b>X</b>
<b>John Crosthwait</b>	Northeast Colorado Health Department	
<b>Mary Gross</b>	Morgan County Family Center	<b>X</b>
<b>Celia Hardin – Ginger Allen</b>	Eastern Colorado Workforce Center	<b>X</b>
<b>Vacant</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>Phone</b>
<b>Ramona Proctor</b>	Eastern CO Services for the Developmentally Disabled	<b>Deceased on 3/27/2009</b>
<b>Steve Romero</b>	Morgan County Department of Social Services	<b>X</b>
<b>Ruth Seedorf</b>	Baby Bear Hugs	
<b>Debbie Zwrn</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 at – 9:10

Rural Solutions board members remembered deceased board member Ramona Proctor with comments about her years of services to the community and to Rural Solutions. Patricia had nominated her for outstanding leader to El Pomar a few days before her death. Also, the members expressed condolences to Sandy for the loss of her mother.

- a. Changes to the Agenda—none.
- b. In-kind Reporting forms were completed.
- c. Proxies—No new proxies were presented for attending members.
- d. Introductions

B. Consent Items: Fred moved to accept the consent items on the agenda. Steve seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

- a. Minutes of March 4, 2009 meeting
- b. March 2009 Financial Statement
- c. April 2009 Financial Statement
- d. March-April 2009 Executive Director's Report
- e. Project Coordinators' Report – Coordinators discussed various trainings that we have coming up.

C. Committee Reports:

- a. Fund Raising Committee – Rick – Today is the big day for the drawing. David Foy is going to do the drawing for the raffle.
- b. Personnel Committee – Sandy –The leave time policy as outlined in the Personnel Manual was distributed with information about staff accrued leave as of April 2009. After discussion about the leave time policy, members instructed the personnel committee will reconvene on the matter and hold further discussions.
- c. Board Development/Nominating Committee – Fred spoke with the treasurer Mary Gross and vice-president Debbie Zwirn and both have consented to serve another term in their respective offices.
- d. Finance Committee – Mary –The finance committee will set a time to discuss financial issues in the next month.

D. 9:50 a.m. Zeik Saidman and Jean Demmler from Colorado Trust presented the new Preventing Suicide in Colorado report published in 2009 and passed out copies to all in attendance. Rural Solutions is cited as one of the organizations that provides suicide prevention programs in Colorado.

After break, Maranda reported on the suicide prevention efforts provided by Rural Solutions in Northeast Colorado. She will write again for the next 3 years of funding from the Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP). Recently, she wrote a letter of

support for Jarrod Hindman at OSP, and if he receives this federal funding, additional grants may be available. Maranda also reported on the funds raised for the last year of the challenge grant with the Colorado Trust.

#### E. Old Business

- a. *Bridges out of Poverty* - Training schedules were discussed.
- b. Ex-officio Board Member Designation – The Yuma County commissioners have decided not to select someone to fill Dave Henson’s position on the Rural Solutions board. The board will discuss and decide what to do at the annual retreat and what changes need to be made to the bylaws if this position is not filled. It was pointed out that Yuma County is represented by other organizations. Rick made the motion to not accept Dave as an ex-officio member, and Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### F. New Business

- a. Check Signing Policy –With the death of Ramon Proctor, Debbie Zwirn is the only board member designated to sign checks for the checking account. Steve moved that Fred Crawford be a second designated signer on the checking account, and Colette seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- b. Raffle Policy – After discussing the proposed Rural Solutions Raffle Policy, the members decided that Rural Solutions employees and board members may purchase tickets and enter drawings. To ensure honesty to the raffle process, independent persons not connected with the organization will do the drawing with the public invited. Jackie will write a new policy and present it at the next meeting.
- c. Board Retreat – The annual board retreat is scheduled to be at Ballyneal on June 24, 2009. Rick will get directions and send them to Jackie to send out. Rick asked them to provide lunch at \$20 to \$25 per person. We will also be doing a strategic plan which will cost about \$1500. If there is anything that needs to be discussed at the retreat, let Jackie know so she can put it on the agenda.
- d. Symposium Ideas Discussion – Jackie, Ruth and Patricia have proposed that there be discussion about the stimulus package and what it might bring to Northeast Colorado. Sandy and other members reminded all board members to attend the NECALG meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> to hear about stimulus funds that will be coming to the region through this organization.
- e. Grant Ideas/Possibilities – Rural Solutions did not get the HIV grant. The Workforce Center also did not receive the grant which included Rural Solutions from the Statewide Strategic Use Funds grant. However, Ginger informed the board that the Workforce Center did receive funds from the stimulus funds to provided jobs to people in our region.

f. Other

Next meeting: Board Retreat on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Ballyneal Golf Course outside Holyoke, Colorado. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Romero, Secretary

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Date