



# 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, November 3, 2010**  
**9 a.m.**  
**Logan County Central Services Building**  
**Sterling, Colorado**

<i>Board of Directors</i>		<b>Present</b>
<b>Rick Agan</b>	Washington County Department of Human Services	
<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>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>Mary Gross</b>	Morgan County Family Center	
<b>Ginger Allen</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>Kindra Mulch</b>	Kit Carson Health and Human Services	<b>X</b>
<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>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>Phone</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>Jerri Spear</b>	CO. Dept. of Human Services Field Administrator	

- A. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.
  - a. Changes to the Agenda

- b. In-kind Reporting – Board members completed in-kind reporting sheets.
- c. Proxies Discussion
- d. Introductions – Introductions were completed.

#### B. Consent Items

- a. Minutes of October 6, 2010 meeting – Liz moved to accept the minutes. Fred seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- b. August 2010 Financial Statement – Liz moved to accept the August 2010 financial statement. Steve seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- c. October 2010 Financial Statement – Liz moved to accept the October 2010 financial statement. Ginger seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- d. October 2010 Executive Director's Report – Jackie reported that our 990 is due November 15. Dave may want to attend a board meeting to present the completed return. Staff plan to take vacation time in November and December as all staff have quite a lot built up.
- e. Project Coordinator's Reports – In board packet.

#### C. Committee Reports – None.

- a. Committees List update – The new Rural Solutions' Committees list was distributed to the members.

#### E. Old Business

- a. Bridges out of Poverty Possibilities – Jackie continues to search for someone who will help evaluate the effectiveness of the Getting Ahead Program. She has spoken to people at DU and CSU who may be interested in working on such a project. Steve suggested contacting Metro State College for help. Kindra suggested contacting CAHEC. Ginger reported that one of her clients has made great life decisions, including going to college, and feels this program has impacted this woman dramatically.
- b. Update on SWF – Jackie reported that the Second Wind Fund site visit went well. However, we need to begin to plan how to sustain this program with few administrative dollars. She proposes that we work with an attorney who will help

us set up this program as part of our regular programming work and not as its own entity to keep down costs and put most funds we raise in to therapy support for young people. Kindra suggested that we may need help from an attorney to re-organize this program if we are not able to continue as an affiliate because we cannot sustain the program or cannot meet all their rules.

#### F. New Business

- a. Rural Solutions Meeting Dates Discussion – Board members evaluated the results of the Doodle that all members completed which indicated that the first Friday morning of the month may be the best day to have Rural Solutions’ board meetings. Jackie suggested that we try meeting every other month instead of monthly with an executive meeting between if necessary. Jackie will send out an email to all board members to poll the availability of this new day and thoughts on the bi-monthly meeting.
- b. New Policies – Jackie presented two new policies for consideration, a Whistleblower Policy and Records Retention and Destruction Policy. The board will vote to accept these policies at the next regular board meeting.
- c. Travel Expenses Options – Board members discussed the strengths and issues around renting cars rather than paying mileage when staff travel. Staff have used a rental car for a couple of trips and there is cost savings for Rural Solutions if we are traveling a distance. Fred is very happy with using Hertz and has determined that 75 miles one way is the break even point for cost savings. Some agencies have a policy that family members cannot ride in agency/organization-rented cars so they have to rent the car themselves. Kindra mentioned that we could see if we can purchase gas tax exempt. Jackie will continue to monitor these costs.
- d. Grant Ideas/Possibilities
- e. Other
- f. 10:30 a.m. Elisabeth Arenales, Esq., Health Care Program Director, Colorado Center on Law and Policy, gave an excellent presentation about Health Care Reform: Medicaid. There was a great deal of discussion about the kinds of decisions Colorado will have to make as the state writes rules and policy around health care reform for our state.

Next Board Meeting: Friday, January 7, 2011 at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Romero, Secretary

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Date